
SOCIOLOGY

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Paper 3 Social Inequality and Opportunity

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No Additional Materials are required.

READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS FIRST

An answer booklet is provided inside this question paper. You should follow the instructions on the front cover of the answer booklet. If you need additional answer paper ask the invigilator for a continuation booklet.

Answer **three** questions, **each from a different section**.

The number of marks is given in brackets [] at the end of each question or part question.



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Section A: EducationAnswer **either** Question 1 **or** Question 2.

- 1 (a) Explain why females now achieve higher educational qualifications than males in many modern industrial societies. [9]
- (b) 'The education system serves the interests of the ruling class.' Assess this view. [16]
- 2 (a) Explain how pupil sub-cultures can affect the educational performance of working class boys. [9]
- (b) 'Lack of cultural capital is the main reason why pupils from some minority ethnic groups underperform in the education system.' Assess this view. [16]

Section B: Global DevelopmentAnswer **either** Question 3 **or** Question 4.

- 3 (a) Explain how population growth may be affected by development. [9]
- (b) 'There will always be disagreement about the best way to achieve development.' Assess this view. [16]
- 4 (a) Explain the main types of aid in developing countries. [9]
- (b) 'Capitalism is a major obstacle to development in many countries.' Assess this view. [16]

Section C: MediaAnswer **either** Question 5 **or** Question 6.

- 5 (a) Explain how the media have been affected by globalisation. [9]
- (b) 'There are no limits to the power of the media.' Assess this view. [16]
- 6 (a) Explain the role of the media in agenda setting. [9]
- (b) 'The media support the interests and values of the ruling class.' Assess this view. [16]

Section D: Religion

Answer **either** Question 7 **or** Question 8.

- 7 (a) Explain why some sociologists view religion as a conservative force in society. [9]
- (b) 'Power within religious organisations is increasingly held by women.' Assess this view. [16]
- 8 (a) Explain how sociologists distinguish between cults, sects and churches. [9]
- (b) 'It is a mistake to think that religion has become a less powerful force in society today.' Assess this view. [16]

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