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**SOCIOLOGY**

**0495/21**

Paper 2

**May/June 2012**

**1 hours 45 minutes**

Candidates answer on the Question Paper.

No additional materials are required.

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Write your Centre number, candidate number and name in the spaces provided.

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Answer any **three** questions.

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

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**Section A: Family**

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**1** Among the different types of family and households in modern industrial society, there is an increasing number of one person households.

**(a)** What is meant by the term *one person household*?

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**(b)** Describe **two** types of *one person household*.

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2 In recent years, there has been a decrease in the birth-rate and an increase in births outside of marriage in modern industrial societies.

(a) What is meant by the term *birth-rate*?

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(b) Describe **two** reasons for the decrease in birth-rates in modern industrial societies.

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(c) Explain some of the reasons for the increase in births outside of marriage in modern industrial societies.

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**Section B: Education**

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**3** Some sociologists argue that both material and cultural deprivation can influence a person's educational achievement.

**(a)** What is meant by the term *material deprivation*?

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**(b)** Describe **two** examples of material deprivation.

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4 There are two forms of education in modern industrial societies, academic education and vocational education.

(a) What is meant by the term *vocational education*?

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(b) Describe **two** ways in which schools teach pupils to become a useful part of society.

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**Section C: Crime, Deviance and Social Control**

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5 Sociologists explain crime and deviance in terms of social factors rather than psychological or biological factors. Status frustration is an example of a social factor.

(a) What is meant by the term *status frustration*?

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(b) Describe **two** social factors other than status frustration that might lead to crime.

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(d) Assess the view that labelling someone a criminal helps to create a self-fulfilling prophecy.

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6 Sociologists often highlight the importance of agencies of social control in maintaining social conformity.

(a) What is meant by the term *social conformity*?

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(b) Describe **two** agencies of social control.

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(d) How far is social order based on the power of the ruling class?

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**Section D: Mass Media**

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7 It is argued that the mass media play a major role in the socialisation process.

(a) What is meant by the term *socialisation*?

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(b) Describe **two** ways in which the mass media contribute to the socialisation of children.

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8 In modern industrial societies, some broadcasting is publicly funded, but most is funded privately.

(a) What is meant by the term *publicly funded*?

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(b) Describe **two** examples of broadcasting.

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