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Paper 2 **May/June 2012**

1 hour 45 minutes

Candidates answer on the Question Paper.

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Answer any **three** questions.
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Section A: Family

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1 There has been an increase in dual-worker families in modern industrial societies in recent years.

(a) What is meant by the term *dual-worker families*?

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(b) Describe **two** reasons for the increase in dual-worker families.

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(c) Explain some of the reasons why traditional conjugal roles still exist in some families.

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(d) How far has the increase in dual-worker families led to greater equality in conjugal roles?

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2 There has been an increase in serial monogamy in modern industrial societies. There has also been an increase in the number of step-parents.

(a) What is meant by the term *serial monogamy*?

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(b) Describe **two** reasons for the increase in the number of step-parents.

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(c) Explain why most divorced people remarry.

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(d) Assess the view that divorce may have a significant effect on children.

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Section B: Education

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3 In many societies governments control what is taught in schools through the official curriculum. However, it is harder for governments to control the hidden curriculum.

(a) What is meant by the term *hidden curriculum*?

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(b) Describe **two** factors that influence the official curriculum.

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(c) Explain why a government may seek to control the official curriculum.

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(d) To what extent is educational achievement influenced by the hidden curriculum?

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4 Despite equal opportunities in education, girls continue to choose so called 'female subjects'.

(a) What is meant by the term *equal opportunities*?

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(b) Describe **two** examples of 'female subjects'.

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(c) Explain some of the reasons why girls still often choose 'female subjects' at school.

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(d) How far are girls now outperforming boys in education?

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Section C: Crime, Deviance and Social Control

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5 In recent years more emphasis has been placed on crime prevention and the use of surveillance. Some people see surveillance as a threat to civil liberties.

(a) What is meant by the term *crime prevention*?

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(b) Describe **two** examples of crime prevention in modern industrial societies.

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(c) Explain how modern technology has led to 'new' crimes in modern industrial societies.

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(d) Assess the view that increasing surveillance is a threat to civil liberties.

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6 Increasing crime rates have resulted in prisons becoming overcrowded. There is a debate about whether prisons create a stigma that deters criminal behaviour.

(a) What is meant by the term *'stigma'*?

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(b) Describe **two** types of punishment for criminal behaviour apart from prison.

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(c) Explain the reasons why many prisoners re-offend when released from prison.

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(d) Assess the view that the purpose of prison is to punish criminals.

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Section D: The Mass Media

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7 Despite the growth of new technologies within the mass media, newspapers and 'the press' continue to be an important influence in modern industrial societies.

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

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(b) Describe **two** differences between tabloid and broadsheet newspapers.

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(c) Explain why many people still choose to read newspapers.

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(d) How far does the newspaper a person reads depend on their social class?

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8 Content analysis and semiology are both used to research the media.

(a) What is meant by the term *content analysis*?

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(b) Describe **two** ways that content analysis is used to study the media.

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(c) Explain the difference between content analysis and semiology.

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(d) Assess the view that a combination of research methods should be used when studying the mass media.

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