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Paper 2

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1 hour 45 minutes

Candidates answer on the Question Paper.

No Additional Materials are required.

READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS FIRST

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

Write in dark blue or black pen.

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Do not use staples, paper clips, highlighters, glue or correction fluid.

You may not need all the answer lines for your answer.

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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: The Family

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1 Many sociologists agree that living in a family tends to benefit men more than women. This may be particularly true of some ethnic minority families.

(a) What is meant by the term *ethnic minority families*?

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(b) Describe **two** reasons why some people live in extended families.

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(d) To what extent is ethnicity the main factor influencing the structure of the family?

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A series of horizontal dotted lines provided for writing an answer to the question.

2 Many sociologists believe that one of the functions of the family is to socialise children into a value consensus. However, families are not always successful in carrying out this role.

(a) What is meant by the term *value consensus*?

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(b) Describe **two** reasons why some families may fail to socialise their children successfully.

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Section B: Education

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3 There are different kinds of schools in modern industrial societies. Some schools are based on the principle of selective education.

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

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(b) Describe **two** possible benefits for pupils attending a selective school.

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4 Schools are part of the formal education process through which pupils receive a preparation for work. There is a debate about how far schools promote social mobility.

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

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(b) Describe **two** ways in which schools may promote upward social mobility.

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Section C: Crime, Deviance and Social Control

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5 The peer group can be a major influence on the deviant careers of juvenile delinquents.

(a) What is meant by the term *deviant careers*?

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(b) Describe **two** reasons why a person may feel pressured to accept the norms of a peer group.

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6 Most sociologists agree that deviance is difficult to define.

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

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(b) Describe **two** examples of deviant behaviour which are not illegal.

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Section D: Media

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7 Women and men often appear in the media in a limited number of stereotypical roles.

(a) What is meant by the term *stereotypical roles*?

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(b) Describe **two** examples of stereotypical gender roles.

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8 The media play a major role in the communication of popular culture. The new media have become an important part of this process.

(a) What is meant by the term *popular culture*?

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(b) Describe **two** differences between popular culture and high culture.

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