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Paper 2

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1 hour 45 minutes

You must answer on the enclosed answer booklet.

You will need: Answer booklet (enclosed)

INSTRUCTIONS

- Answer **two** questions.
- Follow the instructions on the front cover of the answer booklet. If you need additional answer paper, ask the invigilator for a continuation booklet.

INFORMATION

- The total mark for this paper is 70.
- The number of marks for each question or part question is shown in brackets [].

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Answer **two** questions

Section A: Family

- 1** Family life has changed. Different types of family have emerged along with changes to family roles. For example, joint conjugal roles are now far more common. For some sociologists the family is considered a positive and essential institution, whereas for others it is a place of inequality and negative experiences.
- (a) What is meant by the term 'joint conjugal role'? [2]
- (b) Describe **two** reasons why reconstituted families are becoming more common in modern industrial societies. [4]
- (c) Explain how grandparents can contribute to family life. [6]
- (d) Explain why urbanisation has changed family life. [8]
- (e) To what extent is there a dark side of the family? [15]

Section B: Education

- 2** Many changes have occurred in the education system. There are now more types of schools and there have been changes in the curriculum. However, despite the changes, there are still clear differences in the educational results of different students and their experiences of being at school. Some sociologists believe that social factors and family background are the reason for these differences.
- (a) What is meant by the term 'social factors'? [2]
- (b) Describe **two** sanctions that schools use to control students. [4]
- (c) Explain how Marxists would criticise the education system. [6]
- (d) Explain why a student's family background may affect educational achievement. [8]
- (e) To what extent is the comprehensive system of education the best? [15]

Section C: Crime, deviance and social control

- 3** There are many different reasons why individuals commit crime. Sociologists research crime to understand these reasons and to investigate the impact of crimes on victims. Explanations for crime often suggest labelling or a lack of status are to blame. However, many crimes are not reported to the police and these unrecorded crimes can therefore be very difficult to research.
- (a) What is meant by the term 'labelling'? [2]
- (b) Describe **two** urban crimes. [4]
- (c) Explain how victim surveys are used to measure crime. [6]
- (d) Explain why crimes are not always reported to the police. [8]
- (e) To what extent can a lack of status in society explain criminal behaviour? [15]

Section D: Media

- 4** Contemporary media is no longer national or local, it is a global institution often using citizen journalism for its content. Audience members use traditional and new media for many different reasons. Some sociologists believe that the media will influence the audience's values and attitudes as it is a powerful agent of socialisation. Other sociologists disagree, instead seeing audiences as being in control of the media.
- (a) What is meant by the term 'citizen journalism'? [2]
- (b) Describe **two** ways the audience use the media, according to the uses and gratifications model. [4]
- (c) Explain how the media is biased. [6]
- (d) Explain why contemporary media is global. [8]
- (e) To what extent does the media influence the audience's values and attitudes? [15]

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