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SOCIOLOGY **9699/14**

Paper 1 The Family **May/June 2021**

1 hour 30 minutes



You must answer on the enclosed answer booklet.

You will need: Answer booklet (enclosed)

INSTRUCTIONS

- Answer **two** questions in total:
  - Section A: answer Question 1.
  - Section B: answer **either** Question 2 **or** Question 3.
- 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 50.
- The number of marks for each question or part question is shown in brackets [ ].

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Section A

Answer Question 1.

1 In the 1960s, 'Life' magazine predicted the death of the family. This prediction was based on changes that were perceived to be happening to family structures in modern industrial societies at that time. Since the 1960s, demographic changes have influenced the family in all parts of the world. Improved health and hygiene have resulted in the elderly living longer as well as fewer babies and children dying. At the same time, in some communities, the impact of HIV/AIDS has resulted in higher death rates amongst young people. These changes have significance for the *dependency ratio* of a society.

United Nations (UN) statistics forecast that in Africa the proportion of older people in the population will double from 5 to 10 per cent over the next 50 years. The elderly in Africa have traditionally found support within the family whilst still performing valuable family roles. Today, however, many elderly people no longer find emotional and economic support within the family. Throughout the world, elderly populations are expected to rise which has significant implications for all age groups.

(a) What is meant by the term *dependency ratio*? [2]

(b) Describe **two** reasons why some sociologists have predicted the death of the family. [4]

(c) Explain the consequences for the family of an increasingly elderly population. [8]

(d) Assess the extent to which roles within families have changed since the 1960s. [11]

Section B

Answer **either** Question 2 **or** Question 3.

2 Explain and assess the functionalist view that the family contributes to value consensus in society. [25]

3 Explain and assess the view that marriage has lost its significance in modern industrial societies. [25]

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