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You must answer on the enclosed answer booklet.

You will need: Answer booklet (enclosed)

INSTRUCTIONS

- Answer **three** questions, **each** from a different section.
- 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 75.
- The number of marks for each question or part question is shown in brackets [ ].

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Answer **three** questions.

Section A: Education

Answer **either** Question 1 **or** Question 2.

1 **(a)** Explain how the educational performance of girls may be influenced by the hidden curriculum. [9]

(b) 'The education system works against the interests of working-class pupils.' Assess this view. [16]

2 **(a)** Explain how teachers may influence which pupils succeed in education. [9]

(b) 'Gender is more important than ethnicity in determining levels of educational achievement.' Assess this view. [16]

Section B: Global Development

Answer **either** Question 3 **or** Question 4.

3 **(a)** Explain how differences in levels of development can be measured. [9]

(b) 'Overpopulation is the main cause of poverty in developing countries.' Assess this view. [16]

4 **(a)** Explain how development may be affected by colonialism. [9]

(b) 'All societies are moving towards the same development stage.' Assess this view. [16]

Section C: Media

Answer **either** Question 5 **or** Question 6.

5 **(a)** Explain the Marxist view of the relationship between ownership and control of the media. [9]

(b) 'The media control how information is received and interpreted by audiences.' Assess this view. [16]

6 **(a)** Explain the factors influencing how news is reported. [9]

(b) 'The new media have brought about a transfer of power from large organisations to the individual citizen.' Assess this view. [16]

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Section D: Religion

Answer **either** Question 7 **or** Question 8.

7 **(a)** Explain why the growth of new religious movements may be seen as evidence of secularisation. [9]

(b) 'Religious movements are increasingly seeking to bring about social change.' Assess this view. [16]

8 **(a)** Explain how cults differ from other types of religious organisation. [9]

(b) 'The extent to which desacrilisation has occurred in modern industrial societies has been exaggerated.' Assess this view. [16]

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