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An answer booklet is provided inside this question paper. You should follow the instructions on the front cover of the answer booklet. If you need additional answer paper ask the invigilator for a continuation booklet.

Answer **three** questions, **each from a different section**.
The number of marks is given in brackets [ ] at the end of each question or part question.

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Section A: Education

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

1 **(a)** Explain the impact of pupil sub-cultures on the educational achievements of minority ethnic groups. [9]

(b) 'Male working class pupils underachieve at school because they have a negative attitude to education.' Assess this view. [16]

2 **(a)** Explain how home background can influence pupil behaviour in schools. [9]

(b) 'Inequality in educational achievement can be overcome by providing compensatory education for disadvantaged pupils.' Assess this view. [16]

Section B: Global Development

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

3 **(a)** Explain why transnational corporations can have a negative impact on development. [9]

(b) 'The reasons why some countries have developed more rapidly than others are best explained in terms of cultural factors.' Assess this view. [16]

4 **(a)** Explain the difficulties in measuring the extent of poverty in developing countries. [9]

(b) 'The poor lack the means to lift themselves out of poverty.' Assess this view. [16]

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Section C: Media

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

5 **(a)** Explain why governments may fear the power of global media organisations. [9]

(b) 'Newspaper and television owners have little control over the content of the media.' Assess this view. [16]

6 **(a)** Explain how the outcome of government elections may be influenced by the media. [9]

(b) 'The main role of the media is to support the ideological state apparatus.' Assess this view. [16]

Section D: Religion

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

7 **(a)** Explain the importance of the collective conscience in Durkheim's theory of religion. [9]

(b) 'Many social groups use religion as a form of cultural defence.' Assess this view. [16]

8 **(a)** Explain why some minority ethnic groups have high levels of participation in religious practices. [9]

(b) 'Fundamentalism is a response to the declining power of religion in society.' Assess this view. [16]

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