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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 cultural capital may influence educational achievement. [9]
(b) 'The role of education is to serve the needs of the economy.' Assess this view. [16]
- 2 (a) Explain the factors that influence the school curriculum. [9]
(b) 'Minority ethnic groups are disadvantaged within education systems.' Assess this view. [16]

Section B: Global Development

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

- 3 (a) Explain the limitations of measuring poverty in absolute terms. [9]
(b) 'International aid programmes offer no long-term solutions for the problems that developing countries experience.' Assess this view. [16]
- 4 (a) Explain different ways in which development can be defined. [9]
(b) 'Only the rich, developed countries benefit from free market trading policies.' Assess this view. [16]

Section C: Media

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

- 5 (a) Explain the digital pessimist view of the new media. [9]
(b) 'The hypodermic-syringe model of media effects has more strengths than limitations.' Assess this view. [16]
- 6 (a) Explain the role of the media in creating moral panics. [9]
(b) 'The media serve the interests of the rich and powerful.' Assess this view. [16]

Section D: Religion

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

- 7 (a) Explain why women are more likely to participate in religious practices than men in many societies. [9]
- (b) 'Religion is a powerful influence in all societies.' Assess this view. [16]
- 8 (a) Explain the idea that some marginalised groups use religion as a form of cultural defence. [9]
- (b) 'The role of religion is to support the capitalist economic system.' Assess this view. [16]

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