
SOCIOLOGY

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Paper 1 The Family

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1 hour 30 minutes

No Additional Materials are required.

READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS FIRST

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 Question 1 and **either** Question 2 **or** Question 3.

The number of marks is given in brackets [] at the end of each question or part question.



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Section A

Answer Question 1.

- 1 The functionalist theory of the family is based on two key assumptions. Firstly, that the nuclear family meets the economic needs of modern industrial societies. Secondly, that all family members benefit equally from family life.

Other sociologists have questioned these assumptions. For example, the view that the nuclear family is the only family structure that can meet the economic needs of modern industrial societies has been questioned by sociologists who note that there has been an increase in *family diversity* without this having negative effects on the economy. In a similar way, Marxists and feminists have questioned the view that all family members benefit equally from family life. Laing, a psychiatrist, has even suggested that some people may be psychologically damaged by the experience of family life.

- (a) Define the term *family diversity*. [2]
- (b) Describe **two** features of a nuclear family. [4]
- (c) Explain the functionalist view that the nuclear family meets the economic needs of modern industrial societies. [8]
- (d) Assess the view that the family benefits all members equally. [11]

Section B

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

- 2 'Globalisation is the main reason for the increase in family diversity.' Explain and assess this view. [25]
- 3 'The concept of childhood is very different today than in the past.' Explain and assess this view. [25]

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