

---

**SOCIOLOGY**

**9699/12**

Paper 1 The Family

**October/November 2019**

**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.



---

This document consists of **2** printed pages, **2** blank pages and **1** Insert.

### Section A

Answer Question 1.

- 1 Some sociologists argue that changing social attitudes have had a significant influence on family life. For example, in many societies people are more accepting of divorce and *cohabitation* than they were in the past. This may help to explain why in recent times there has been a rise in the divorce rate, a decline in the marriage rate and an increase in the average age at which individuals first marry.

Similar changes in social attitudes have influenced conjugal roles in the family. Some sociologists point to a move from segregated to joint conjugal roles. However, others have questioned the view that roles in the family are becoming equal.

- (a) Define the term *cohabitation*. [2]
- (b) Describe **two** reasons why there has been an increase in the average age at which individuals first marry. [4]
- (c) Explain why the divorce rate has increased in many societies. [8]
- (d) Assess the view that roles in the family are becoming equal. [11]

### Section B

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

- 2 Explain and assess the view that ethnic diversity is the main factor leading to family diversity. [25]
- 3 'The most significant function of the family is to provide emotional support for its members.' Explain and assess this view. [25]



**BLANK PAGE**

---

Permission to reproduce items where third-party owned material protected by copyright is included has been sought and cleared where possible. Every reasonable effort has been made by the publisher (UCLES) to trace copyright holders, but if any items requiring clearance have unwittingly been included, the publisher will be pleased to make amends at the earliest possible opportunity.

To avoid the issue of disclosure of answer-related information to candidates, all copyright acknowledgements are reproduced online in the Cambridge Assessment International Education Copyright Acknowledgements Booklet. This is produced for each series of examinations and is freely available to download at [www.cambridgeinternational.org](http://www.cambridgeinternational.org) after the live examination series.

Cambridge Assessment International Education is part of the Cambridge Assessment Group. Cambridge Assessment is the brand name of the University of Cambridge Local Examinations Syndicate (UCLES), which itself is a department of the University of Cambridge.