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Paper 3 Social Inequality and Opportunity

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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 **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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Answer **three** questions.

Section A: Education

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

- 1 (a) Explain the home factors that may prevent working-class children achieving educational success. [9]
- (b) 'Lack of cultural capital is the reason pupils from some minority ethnic groups underachieve in education.' Assess this view. [16]
- 2 (a) Explain the influence of social class on pupil sub-cultures. [9]
- (b) 'What is taught in schools reflects the interests of the rich and powerful.' Assess this view. [16]

Section B: Global Development

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

- 3 (a) Explain the different forms of development aid. [9]
- (b) 'Cultural theories of poverty underestimate how difficult it is for the poor to escape poverty.' Assess this view. [16]
- 4 (a) Explain the world systems theory of development. [9]
- (b) 'All countries pass through the same stages of development.' Assess this view. [16]

Section C: Media

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

- 5 (a) Explain the role of the media in creating moral panics. [9]
- (b) 'The new media has weakened the power of the traditional media.' Assess this view. [16]
- 6 (a) Explain how content analysis is used in the study of the media. [9]
- (b) 'The hegemonic model of media influence has more strengths than the mass manipulation model.' Assess this view. [16]

Section D: Religion

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

- 7 (a) Explain how new age movements differ from other religious groups. [9]
- (b) 'The growth of fundamentalist religions is a response to the uncertainty of postmodern society.' Assess this view. [16]
- 8 (a) Explain how religion contributes to social change. [9]
- (b) 'The extent to which secularisation has occurred has been exaggerated.' Assess this view. [16]

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