
SOCIOLOGY

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Paper 1 The Family

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1 hour 30 minutes

Additional Materials: Answer Booklet/Paper

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If you have been given an Answer Booklet, follow the instructions on the front cover of the Booklet.

Write your Centre number, candidate number and name on all the work you hand in.

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

At the end of the examination, fasten all your work securely together.

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 In his 1949 study George Murdock claimed that some form of family existed in all societies. This was based on his examination of 250 societies. Murdock defined the family as a social group that shares a residence, co-operates economically and produces at least one child. This child (or children) is the offspring, whether own or adopted, of two adults in an approved sexual relationship who are from the social group. Within this definition Murdock allowed for a great deal of *family diversity* in the structure of the social group. The smallest family group, as identified by Murdock, is the nuclear family.

Murdock's work has given rise to a great deal of debate within sociology as to whether the family is universal or not and if households which do not fit into his definition can in fact be called families.

- (a) What is meant by the term *family diversity*? [2]
- (b) Describe **two** examples of households which do not fit into Murdock's definition of the family. [4]
- (c) Explain why the family may be changing in modern industrial societies. [8]
- (d) Assess the view that the nuclear family is the main type of family structure in all societies. [11]

Section B

Answer **either** question 2 **or** question 3.

- 2 Explain and assess the view that families are no longer patriarchal in modern industrial societies. [25]
- 3 Explain and assess the view that childhood is a time when children are free from the pressures of adult life. [25]

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