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Paper 2

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1 hour 45 minutes

Candidates answer on the Question Paper.

No Additional Materials are required.

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Write in dark blue or black pen.

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You may not need all the answer lines for your answer.

Answer any **three** questions.

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

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Section A: The Family

- 1 Most governments create laws and policies which directly affect the family. Some people consider that living as part of a family is best for everyone.

(a) What is meant by the term *family*?

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(b) Describe **two** government policies which directly affect families.

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- (c) Explain how governments can use laws and policies to influence the birth rate.

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- 2 It has been suggested that with the emergence of the 'new man', conjugal roles within the family are now more equal.

(a) What is meant by the term *new man*?

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(b) Describe **two** ways in which men's involvement in family life has changed in modern industrial societies.

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- (c) Explain some of the problems women face in trying to achieve equal relationships with men in the family.

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Section B: Education

- 3 Despite increasing equality in schools, social class remains an important influence on educational achievement.

(a) What is meant by the term *social class*?

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(b) Describe **two** influences on educational achievement, other than those linked to social class.

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- (c) Explain some of the reasons why working class children may underachieve at school.

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- (d) How far have government educational policies helped working class children overcome social class barriers in education?

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- 4 Functionalists argue that schools transmit the core values of society and this leads to social cohesion and conformity.

(a) What is meant by the term *social cohesion*?

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(b) Describe **two** ways in which pupils are encouraged to conform to school rules.

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- (c) Explain why some pupils do not conform to school rules.

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(d) How far do sociologists agree that the role of schools is to promote social conformity?

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Section C: Crime, Deviance and Social Control

- 5 Official crime statistics suggest that juvenile delinquency rates are highest in inner city areas. Statistics also show that a high proportion of crimes are committed by young working class males.

(a) What is meant by the term *juvenile delinquency*?

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(b) Describe **two** reasons why not all acts of juvenile delinquency may be recorded in the official crime statistics.

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- (c) Explain some of the reasons why juvenile delinquency rates are higher in inner city areas.

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- (d) To what extent are young working class males responsible for a high proportion of crimes committed by juveniles?

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6 In recent years there has been a growth in self-report and victim surveys.

(a) What is meant by the term *victim surveys*?

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(b) Describe **two** reasons why a person might be reluctant to report a crime committed against them.

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- (c) Explain why some social groups are more likely to be victims of crime than others.

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- (d) How far can the causes of crime be explained in terms of the concept of anomie?

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Section D: Media

- 7 It has been suggested that ethnic minorities are stereotyped and under-represented in the media.

(a) What is meant by the term *stereotype*?

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(b) Describe **two** examples of ethnic stereotypes used by the media.

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- (c) Explain why some ethnic minorities may be under-represented in the media.

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- (d) To what extent may attitudes towards ethnic minorities be shaped by the media?

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- 8 Not everyone has access to the new media and there is a 'digital divide' between those who can and those who cannot afford to access it.

(a) What is meant by the term *new media*?

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(b) Describe **two** ways in which the lives of young people may be affected by the new media.

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- (c)** Explain why some groups of people more than other groups are likely to use the new media.

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(d) How far is the use of the new media creating a global youth culture?

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