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Paper 3 Social Inequality and Opportunity

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3 hours

No Additional Materials are required.

READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS FIRST

An answer booklet is provided inside the 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 why it is difficult to measure intelligence. [9]
- (b) 'Ethnicity is the main influence on educational achievement.' Assess this view. [16]
- 2 (a) Explain how the educational performance of girls may be affected by the hidden curriculum. [9]
- (b) 'The way schools are organised reflects the organisation of the capitalist workplace.' Assess this view. [16]

Section B: Global Development

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

- 3 (a) Explain the factors leading to the rapid growth of urban areas in developing countries. [9]
- (b) 'Modernisation theory has more strengths than limitations.' Assess this view. [16]
- 4 (a) Explain why poor health care may have a negative effect on economic growth in developing countries. [9]
- (b) 'Transnational corporations bring economic benefits to developing countries.' Assess this view. [16]

Section C: Media

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

- 5 (a) Explain the pluralist theory of the media. [9]
- (b) 'The two step flow model is the best explanation of how people are influenced by the media.' Assess this view. [16]
- 6 (a) Explain how the new media can be used to challenge government authority. [9]
- (b) 'Media content reflects the interests of the ruling class.' Assess this view. [16]

Section D: Religion

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

- 7 (a) Explain the factors that lead to the growth of cults. [9]
- (b) 'The growth in privatised forms of worship shows that religion remains a powerful force in modern industrial societies.' Assess this view. [16]
- 8 (a) Explain why religious organisations may be viewed as patriarchal. [9]
- (b) 'Functionalists are mistaken in thinking that religion contributes to social solidarity.' Assess this view. [16]

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