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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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Section A: EducationAnswer **either** Question 1 **or** Question 2.

- 1 (a) Explain how the achievement of pupils may be influenced by pupil sub-cultures. [9]
 (b) 'Opportunities to achieve at school are limited to a few privileged groups.' Assess this view. [16]
- 2 (a) Explain how the interaction between teachers and pupils may influence educational performance. [9]
 (b) 'The social construction of knowledge favours some pupils over others.' Assess this view. [16]

Section B: Global DevelopmentAnswer **either** Question 3 **or** Question 4.

- 3 (a) Explain the relationship between low income and poor health. [9]
 (b) 'Aid is ineffective in reducing global poverty'. Assess this view. [16]
- 4 (a) Explain how rapid urban migration may affect a society. [9]
 (b) Assess the strengths and limitations of the world-systems theory. [16]

Section C: MediaAnswer **either** Question 5 **or** Question 6.

- 5 (a) Explain how media representations of women may vary. [9]
 (b) Assess the extent to which different social groups receive and interpret media messages in different ways. [16]
- 6 (a) Explain how different types of media influence the way news is presented. [9]
 (b) Assess theories of the media that are based on the concept of cultural hegemony. [16]

Section D: ReligionAnswer **either** Question 7 **or** Question 8.

- 7 (a) Explain how religion may bring about social change. [9]
 (b) 'The power of organised religion is declining in modern industrial societies.' Assess this view. [16]
- 8 (a) Explain the factors that influence which groups are most likely to engage in religious practices. [9]
 (b) Assess the functionalist theory of religion. [16]

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