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Paper 1 The Family

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1 hour 30 minutes

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

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 many Asian societies, there has been an increase in female headed *households*. This is due to a variety of reasons including widowhood, migration, marital instability and women choosing to have children outside of marriage. In recent decades an increasing number of women, particularly rural women, have become heads of households because men, the traditional heads of households, have moved away from home to find employment. Moreover, due to civil unrest and natural disasters, a refugee situation exists in a number of countries in the region, often resulting in females taking over the task of running the household.
- (a) What is meant by the term *households*? [2]
- (b) Describe **two** causes of marital instability. [4]
- (c) Explain why the social status of women can change when men move away from home to find employment. [8]
- (d) Assess the view that the nuclear family is no longer the main type of family in modern industrial society. [11]

Section B

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

- 2 Explain and assess the view that men continue to dominate family life. [25]
- 3 Explain and assess the view that family structures are becoming less diverse. [25]

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