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Paper 1 The Family

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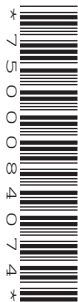
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An answer booklet is provided inside this question paper. You should follow the instructions on the front cover of the answer booklet. If you need additional answer paper ask the invigilator for a continuation booklet.

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 A survey carried out in Sri Lanka shows that the divorce rate is higher amongst migrant families than non-migrant families. This and other studies show that cases of family break up due to migration are reported to be increasing in many countries. Sociologists have found a trend towards *polygamy* as a result of the separation of married couples through migration.

Another Sri Lankan survey indicates that the effects of migration also include: wasteful consumption, increased alcoholism and gambling, loss of traditional values among migrant women, particularly the unmarried, and the problem of social reintegration upon return. Another consequence for families is the disruption of family life and matrimonial relationships.

- (a) What is meant by the term *polygamy*? [2]
- (b) Describe **two** reasons why migration can lead to problems of social reintegration upon return. [4]
- (c) Explain why divorce rates are higher among some social groups than other social groups. [8]
- (d) Assess the view that in modern industrial society family life is breaking down. [11]

Section B

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

- 2 Explain and assess the view that in modern industrial societies females are the main decision makers in families. [25]
- 3 'Protection of children is the most significant function of the family.' Explain and assess this view. [25]

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