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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 Functionalists believe that society is based on value consensus. They argue that children are socialised within the family so that they understand social norms and values and can therefore act as members of society. This is seen as just one of many functions that the family performs. Functionalists believe that there is a *functional fit* between nuclear families and modern industrial societies and that the nuclear family became dominant as a result of the process of industrialisation.

However, Marxists argue that the family meets the needs of capitalism rather than serving the interests of family members. Marxists believe that society is based on conflict between classes rather than harmony and consensus.

- (a) What is meant by the term *functional fit*? [2]
- (b) Describe **two** functions of the family apart from socialisation. [4]
- (c) Explain the consequences of families failing to socialise children, according to functionalists. [8]
- (d) Assess the Marxist view that the family meets the needs of capitalism. [11]

Section B

Answer **either** Question 2 **or** Question 3.

- 2 Explain and assess the view that the family has experienced a loss of functions in modern industrial societies. [25]
- 3 Explain and assess the view that the nuclear family remains a dominant family form. [25]

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