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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 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 the idea that schools operate in a way that reflects the organisation of the capitalist workplace. [9]
- (b) 'Rather than reducing gender divisions, schools contribute to the inequality between males and females.' Assess this view. [16]
- 2 (a) Explain the limitations of using IQ tests to measure intelligence in education. [9]
- (b) 'The reason why some minority ethnic groups have low levels of educational achievement is due more to their social class background than their ethnicity.' Assess this view. [16]

Section B: Global Development

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

- 3 (a) Explain why many cities in developing countries have a high rate of population growth. [9]
- (b) 'International aid is a barrier to economic growth in developing countries.' Assess this view. [16]
- 4 (a) Explain why democratic government may be important for economic development. [9]
- (b) 'Western models of economic growth are inappropriate for most developing countries.' Assess this view. [16]

Section C: Media

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

- 5 (a) Explain how the concept of hegemony has been used to understand the role of the media. [9]
- (b) 'The media have little influence in shaping the culture of society.' Assess this view. [16]
- 6 (a) Explain how the media may be used to challenge government power. [9]
- (b) 'The growth of the new media has weakened the power of large media corporations.' Assess this view. [16]

Section D: Religion

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

- 7 (a) Explain why there has been a growth in support for fundamentalist religious movements in recent decades. [9]
- (b) 'The power of religion to influence society has declined significantly in modern industrial societies.' Assess this view. [16]
- 8 (a) Explain how sects differ from churches. [9]
- (b) 'The growth of new religious movements is a response to the disenchantment that results from living in a routine and predictable world.' Assess this view. [16]

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