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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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Answer **three** questions.

Section A: Education

Answer **either** Question 1 **or** Question 2.

- 1 (a) Explain the role of pupil sub-cultures in influencing educational performance. [9]
 (b) 'Feminisation of the curriculum is the main reason why girls are outperforming boys in many education systems today.' Assess this view. [16]
- 2 (a) Explain how cultural deprivation may harm a child's chances of educational success. [9]
 (b) 'Rather than education increasing our life chances, it narrows the opportunities we have after leaving school.' Assess this view. [16]

Section B: Global Development

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

- 3 (a) Explain how poor health care may affect rates of population growth in developing countries. [9]
 (b) 'Developing countries will never achieve significant economic growth because they are too dependent on rich countries.' Assess this view. [16]
- 4 (a) Explain how poverty may be caused by cultural factors. [9]
 (b) 'There is no single model of development that can be applied successfully to all countries.' Assess this view. [16]

Section C: Media

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

- 5 (a) Explain the role of gate-keeping in shaping media content. [9]
 (b) 'The traditional media have lost the power to shape social identities.' Assess this view. [16]
- 6 (a) Explain the limitations of the hypodermic syringe model of media influence. [9]
 (b) 'The media are controlled in the interests of the ruling class.' Assess this view. [16]

Section D: Religion

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

- 7 (a) Explain the view that scientific thinking has weakened the power of religion. [9]
- (b) 'Power within religious organisations is held mainly by men from privileged backgrounds.' Assess this view. [16]
- 8 (a) Explain why falling church attendances may not indicate a decline in religiosity. [9]
- (b) 'Religion no longer has any important functions in society.' Assess this view. [16]

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