
SOCIOLOGY

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Paper 3 Social Inequality and Opportunity

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3 hours

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 how material factors may influence which pupils succeed in school. [9]
 (b) 'There are no barriers to female educational achievement in schools today.' Assess this view. [16]
- 2 (a) Explain how pupil attitudes to education may be influenced by the hidden curriculum. [9]
 (b) 'Social class is more important than ethnicity in determining which pupils succeed in the education system.' Assess this view. [16]

Section B: Global Development

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

- 3 (a) Explain why women are more likely than men to experience poverty in developing societies. [9]
 (b) 'Developing societies are in a state of economic dependency due to the actions of developed societies.' Assess this view. [16]
- 4 (a) Explain the limitations of Malthus' model of population growth. [9]
 (b) 'International migration has a positive impact on global development.' Assess this view. [16]

Section C: Media

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

- 5 (a) Explain how ruling class ideology may be promoted by the media. [9]
 (b) 'Media owners have little influence over the content of the media today.' Assess this view. [16]
- 6 (a) Explain how feminine identities may be influenced by the media. [9]
 (b) 'The media are able to control the way people think because they are the main source of information in society.' Assess this view. [16]

Section D: Religion

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

- 7 (a) Explain the idea that religion is the worship of society. [9]
- (b) 'Marxist theories underestimate the power of religion to bring about social change.' Assess this view. [16]
- 8 (a) Explain why religion is often important to minority ethnic groups. [9]
- (b) 'Modern industrial societies have experienced a renewed interest in religion in recent years.' Assess this view. [16]

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