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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 view that education is an agency of social control. [9]
 (b) 'Low parental income is the main reason why pupils from working-class families underachieve at school.' Assess this view. [16]
- 2 (a) Explain why IQ tests may be a poor measure of educational ability. [9]
 (b) 'Modern education systems are meritocratic.' Assess this view. [16]

Section B: Global Development

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

- 3 (a) Explain the modernisation theory of development. [9]
 (b) 'International aid agencies make a positive contribution to development.' Assess this view. [16]
- 4 (a) Explain the limitations in defining development in economic terms only. [9]
 (b) 'Government corruption is the main obstacle to economic growth in developing societies.' Assess this view. [16]

Section C: Media

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

- 5 (a) Explain how the growth of the new media has affected how news is reported. [9]
 (b) 'Editors and journalists control the media.' Assess this view. [16]
- 6 (a) Explain the difficulties in measuring the impact of the media on people's behaviour. [9]
 (b) 'Media influence is best explained by the uses and gratifications model.' Assess this view. [16]

Section D: Religion

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

- 7 (a) Explain the links between religion and patriarchy. [9]
- (b) 'Disenchantment with established religious institutions is the main reason why there has been growth in new religious movements.' Assess this view. [16]
- 8 (a) Explain the difficulties in measuring the extent of religious belief in a society. [9]
- (b) 'Modern industrial societies are experiencing a period of religious revival.' Assess this view. [16]

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