
SOCIOLOGY

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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.

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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** In many modern industrial societies it is accepted that *childhood* is a special time, as many of the experiences and rights of a child will be different from those of an adult. Children are regarded as psychologically and physically immature and not yet ready to be in control of their own lives. As such, it is thought that they need a period of time when they are protected, nurtured and socialised before they enter adult society.

However, childhood may have been viewed differently in the past. The idea of children having a protected status that is a clear and separate phase of life is relatively recent. Childhood is not therefore a fixed concept but subject to change. This means that social expectations of childhood are not universal.

- (a) What is meant by the term *childhood*? [2]
- (b) Describe **two** rights of a child in modern industrial societies. [4]
- (c) Explain why the period of childhood may be longer in some societies than others. [8]
- (d) Assess the extent to which experiences of childhood vary between different social groups in a society. [11]

Section B

Answer **either** question 2 **or** question 3.

- 2** Explain and assess the view that family life may be in decline in modern industrial societies. [25]
- 3** Explain and assess the view that there are no universal features of family life. [25]

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