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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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Section A: Education

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

- 1 (a) Explain how the educational performance of working class boys may be affected by traditional ideas of masculinity. [9]
- (b) Assess the extent to which the educational performance of girls is influenced by the hidden curriculum. [16]
- 2 (a) Explain why compensatory education often fails to improve the educational performance of disadvantaged groups. [9]
- (b) 'Poverty remains the main obstacle to educational equality.' Assess this view. [16]

Section B: Global Development

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

- 3 (a) Explain the difficulty of controlling the birth rate in developing countries. [9]
- (b) Assess the view that environmental concerns must be taken into account in any model of development. [16]
- 4 (a) Explain the modernisation theory of development. [9]
- (b) 'Global capitalism is the main cause of poverty in developing countries.' Assess this view. [16]

Section C: Media

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

- 5 (a) Explain how patterns of media use may vary between social groups. [9]
(b) 'Governments are powerless to control the new media.' Assess this view. [16]
- 6 (a) Explain the strengths and limitations of using content analysis to study the media. [9]
(b) 'Media content accurately reflects the diversity of interests in society.' Assess this claim. [16]

Section D: Religion

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

- 7 (a) Explain how religion may support male interests. [9]
(b) 'Religion is no longer an important aspect of public life.' Assess this view. [16]
- 8 (a) Explain the idea that religion is a form of false consciousness. [9]
(b) 'The growth of fundamentalist religions is a response to desacrilisation.' Assess this view. [16]

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