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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 how labelling may influence which pupils succeed in school. [9]
 (b) 'The education system favours middle class students more than working class students.' Assess this view. [16]
- 2 (a) Explain how male pupils may be disadvantaged by processes within schools. [9]
 (b) 'What is taught in schools reflects the interests of the powerful.' Assess this view. [16]

Section B: Global Development

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

- 3 (a) Explain the difficulties in measuring the extent of poverty in developing societies. [9]
 (b) 'The impact of globalisation on developing societies has been exaggerated.' Assess this view. [16]
- 4 (a) Explain the cultural factors that may be used in defining development. [9]
 (b) 'Free market competition is the only way to achieve economic growth in developing societies.' Assess this view. [16]

Section C: Media

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

- 5 (a) Explain the role of the media in deviance amplification. [9]
 (b) 'Watching violent media causes violent behaviour.' Assess this view. [16]
- 6 (a) Explain the factors that influence news reporting. [9]
 (b) 'The new media limit the power of governments to control individuals.' Assess this view. [16]

Section D: Religion

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

- 7 (a) Explain the evidence that religion has lost its social significance. [9]
- (b) 'Disenchantment with established religious organisations has led to the growth of new religious movements in modern industrial societies.' Assess this view. [16]
- 8 (a) Explain why religious participation is higher among women than men in many societies. [9]
- (b) 'The main role of religion is to promote social solidarity.' Assess this view. [16]

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