



# Cambridge International AS & A Level

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## SOCIOLOGY

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Paper 2 The Family

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1 hour 30 minutes

You must answer on the enclosed answer booklet.

You will need: Answer booklet (enclosed)

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### INSTRUCTIONS

- Answer **four** questions in total:  
Section A: answer **all** questions.  
Section B: answer **either** Question 4 **or** Question 5.
- Follow the instructions on the front cover of the answer booklet. If you need additional answer paper, ask the invigilator for a continuation booklet.

### INFORMATION

- The total mark for this paper is 60.
- The number of marks for each question or part question is shown in brackets [ ].

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**Section A**

Answer **all** questions in this section.

- 1 Describe **two** ways grandparents may contribute to family life. [4]
- 2 (a) Explain **two** ways women in the family play an important role in maintaining capitalism. [8]  
(b) Explain **one** strength and **one** limitation of Marxist feminist views of the family. [6]
- 3 'Marriage has lost its social importance.'  
(a) Explain this view. [10]  
(b) Using sociological material, give **one** argument against this view. [6]

**Section B**

Answer **one** question in this section.

**EITHER**

- 4 Evaluate functionalist explanations of the role of the family. [26]

**OR**

- 5 Evaluate the view that the experience of childhood today is different to the past. [26]

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