Cambridge International AS & A Level

Cambridge International Examinations
Cambridge International Advanced Subsidiary and Advanced Level

SOCIOLOGY **9699/11**

Paper 1 The Family **May/June 2016**

1 hour 30 minutes

No Additional Materials are required.

9558345785

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 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.

This document consists of **2** printed pages, **2** blank pages and **1** insert.

© UCLES 2016

CAMBRIDGE International Examinations

Section A

Answer question 1.

1 Sociologists accept the idea that age and the process of growing older are linked to both biological and social processes. The number of people aged 65 and over has risen rapidly in modern industrial societies and this trend is expected to continue. In many countries, there are now more older people than children in the population. These changes leading to an ageing population will have significant implications both for family life and society. As this happens our understanding of what it means to belong to particular age groups and family relationships will change.

In order to understand the process of growing older, it is necessary to study the social context in which it occurs. From this perspective age can be seen as a *social construction*.

(a) What is meant by the term *social construction*? [2]

(b) Describe **two** problems for society of an ageing population. [4]

(c) Explain why the status of older people may vary between societies. [8]

(d) Assess the extent to which age is the most significant social division within the family. [11]

Section B

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

2 Explain and assess the view that in modern industrial societies the nuclear family continues to be the dominant family type. [25]

3 Explain and assess the view that in modern industrial societies the family no longer serves the needs of the economy. [25]

© UCLES 2016

BLANK PAGE

© UCLES 2016

BLANK PAGE

Permission to reproduce items where third-party owned material protected by copyright is included has been sought and cleared where possible. Every reasonable effort has been made by the publisher (UCLES) to trace copyright holders, but if any items requiring clearance have unwittingly been included, the publisher will be pleased to make amends at the earliest possible opportunity.

To avoid the issue of disclosure of answer-related information to candidates, all copyright acknowledgements are reproduced online in the Cambridge International Examinations Copyright Acknowledgements Booklet. This is produced for each series of examinations and is freely available to download at www.cie.org.uk after the live examination series.

Cambridge International Examinations is part of the Cambridge Assessment Group. Cambridge Assessment is the brand name of University of Cambridge Local Examinations Syndicate (UCLES), which is itself a department of the University of Cambridge.