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

1 hour 30 minutes

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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.

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Section A

Answer question 1.

1 Family diversity is found in most societies. This diversity is either organisational or cultural. Organisational diversity focuses on kinship patterns, the ways families organise their individual domestic duties and the way in which families are linked to wider society. The *reconstituted family* is an example of organisational diversity. Cultural diversity focuses on the influences of class and ethnicity on family types. Sociologists are interested in understanding the extent to which family diversity exists in different societies.

Using the work of the Rapoports in the 1980s, Allan and Crow emphasise the increasing trend toward diversification of family types and arrangements. They believe that these new diverse styles enable individuals to exercise more choice in their living arrangements and family relationships.

(a) What is meant by the term *reconstituted family*? [2]

(b) Describe **two** family types, apart from the reconstituted family. [4]

(c) Explain why individuals are able to exercise more choice in their living arrangements today. [8]

(d) Assess the view that the extent of family diversity may have been exaggerated. [11]

Section B

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

2 Explain and assess the view that there is greater equality in relationships between parents and children today than in the past. [25]

3 Explain and assess the view that the nuclear family serves the interests of the state. [25]

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