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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 Sociologists argue that changes in family life show that there is no longer one type of family. Until recent times nuclear or extended family life was the only 'choice' for the members of society. Since the 1970s, however, other types of family have emerged, based on developments such as *confluent love* and greater equality in social life.

New Right and functionalist theorists argue that family diversity has negative consequences for the individual and society. This has created the idea that the family is in decline. New Right theorists such as Murray, Marsland and Saunders argue that the growth of welfare states encourages alternative family types which can in turn cause problems for society. Postmodernists, on the other hand, think that family diversity is positive for society. They reject New Right and functionalist arguments that the nuclear family is the most desirable family arrangement.

(a) What is meant by the term *confluent love*? [2]

(b) Describe **two** family types that have become more common since the 1970s. [4]

(c) Explain why family diversity may have a negative impact on society. [8]

(d) Assess the extent to which individuals are free to choose their family type today. [11]

Section B

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

2 Explain and assess the view that the family serves the needs of all its members equally. [25]

3 Explain and assess the view that the elderly have high status in all societies. [25]

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