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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 Primary socialisation usually takes place within the family during infancy. Socialisation is not, however, confined to childhood. It is a lifelong process. In modern industrial societies, other important agencies of socialisation include the educational system, the media, the occupational group and the peer group. The process of growing out of childhood and maturing into an adult is often seen as something that happens naturally to people once they reach a certain age. Yet this commonsense assumption is challenged by sociologists who point out that, far from being natural, the identities associated with the roles of 'child' and 'adult' are socially constructed.

Most societies have sanctions to support the socialisation process and to ensure that individuals conform to socially acceptable behaviour. This process is known as social control. Functionalist sociologists believe that *value consensus* is also an important outcome of socialisation.

(a) What is meant by the term *value consensus*? [2]

(b) Describe **two** ways in which the peer group encourages appropriate behaviour. [4]

(c) Explain why some individuals may not conform to socially acceptable behaviour. [8]

(d) Assess the view that interactionists offer the most convincing understanding of socialisation. [11]

Section B

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

2 'Unstructured interviews are too subjective to be useful in sociological research.' Explain and assess this view. [25]

3 'Social order is rarely challenged because people are fearful of breaking the rules of society.' Explain and assess this claim. [25]

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