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SOCIOLOGY **9699/32**

Paper 3 Social Inequality and Opportunity **May/June 2016**

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No Additional Materials are required.

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READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS FIRST

An answer booklet is provided inside the 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 **three** questions, **each from a different section**.
The number of marks is given in brackets [ ] at the end of each question or part question.

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Section A: Education

Answer **either** Question 1 **or** Question 2.

1 **(a)** Explain how the rich and powerful are able to control what is defined as educational knowledge. [9]

(b) 'Ethnicity has little influence on educational achievement.' Assess this claim. [16]

2 **(a)** Explain the Marxist idea that there is correspondence between the way schools are organised and the workplace. [9]

(b) 'Social class rather than gender is the main influence on pupil attitudes to education.' Assess this view. [16]

Section B: Global Development

Answer **either** Question 3 **or** Question 4.

3 **(a)** Explain the main factors influencing the birth rate in developing countries. [9]

(b) Assess the extent to which education programmes help to improve the health of people in developing countries. [16]

4 **(a)** Explain why western models of development may be inappropriate for many developing countries. [9]

(b) 'Corruption among elite groups is the main obstacle to development in many countries.' Assess this view. [16]

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Section C: Media

Answer **either** Question 5 **or** Question 6.

5 **(a)** Explain the role of the media in creating folk devils. [9]

(b) 'The internet has weakened the power of the traditional media.' Assess this claim. [16]

6 **(a)** Explain how young people may be stereotyped by the media. [9]

(b) Assess the hypodermic syringe model of media influence. [16]

Section D: Religion

Answer **either** Question 7 **or** Question 8.

7 **(a)** Explain how religion can bring about social change. [9]

(b) 'The growth of new religious movements is a response to the decline in traditional religion.' Assess this view. [16]

8 **(a)** Explain how religious rituals contribute to social solidarity. [9]

(b) 'Religion serves the interests of the rich and powerful.' Assess this view. [16]

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