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SOCIOLOGY **9699/33**

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

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No Additional Materials are required.



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 **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 the role of schools in preparing young people for work. [9]

(b) 'Access to cultural capital is the main factor explaining why educational achievement is high among middle class pupils.' Assess this view. [16]

2 **(a)** Explain how language use may influence educational achievement. [9]

(b) 'Peer groups have more influence than teachers in shaping pupil attitudes to education.' Assess this claim. [16]

Section B: Global Development

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

3 **(a)** Explain the 'culture of poverty' thesis. [9]

(b) 'All countries benefit from economic globalisation.' Assess this view. [16]

4 **(a)** Explain the difficulties in assessing the effectiveness of aid programmes in developing countries. [9]

(b) Assess the idea that all societies are moving towards the same stage of development. [16]

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Section C: Media

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

5 **(a)** Explain why the media may have more influence over some social groups than others. [9]

(b) Assess the extent to which the media contribute to a democratic society. [16]

6 **(a)** Explain the impact of globalisation on the power of media owners. [9]

(b) Assess the extent to which news presentation reflects the interests of the rich and powerful. [16]

Section D: Religion

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

7 **(a)** Explain the relationship between religion and the rise of capitalism. [9]

(b) Assess the extent to which religion has become disengaged from society. [16]

8 **(a)** Explain how religion helps to reinforce social values. [9]

(b) 'Religion protects the interests of privileged groups.' Assess this claim. [16]

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