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Paper 1 The Family **May/June 2020**

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You must answer on the enclosed answer booklet.

You will need: Answer booklet (enclosed)

INSTRUCTIONS

- Answer **two** questions in total:
  - Section A: answer Question 1.
  - Section B: answer **either** Question 2 **or** Question 3.
- Follow the instructions on the front cover of the answer booklet. If you need additional answer paper, ask the invigilator for a continuation booklet.

INFORMATION

- The total mark for this paper is 50.
- The number of marks for each question or part question is shown in brackets [ ].

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Section A

Answer Question 1.

1 Functionalists believe that extended families are more common in traditional societies. In such societies, family members carry out a wide range of functions. In modern industrial societies, many of the roles once performed by the extended family have been taken over by other institutions. Functionalists argue that the nuclear family has become the dominant family structure in modern industrial societies due to the processes of industrialisation and urbanisation. The idea that family and *household* structures are influenced by wider social processes is called the 'fit' thesis.

Marxists also believe that the family is influenced by wider social processes but they emphasise aspects of conflict rather than consensus. In this way, Marxists believe that the role of the family is to support capitalism.

(a) Define the term *household*. [2]

(b) Describe **two** types of extended family. [4]

(c) Explain the functionalist idea that there is a 'fit' between the nuclear family and wider society. [8]

(d) Assess the view that the role of the family is to support capitalism. [11]

Section B

Answer **either** Question 2 **or** Question 3.

2 Explain and assess the view that men have power over women in the family. [25]

3 Explain and assess the view that the nuclear family is the ideal family type. [25]

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