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You must answer on the enclosed answer booklet.

You will need: Answer booklet (enclosed)

INSTRUCTIONS

- Answer **three** questions, **each** from a different section.
- 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 75.
- The number of marks for each question or part question is shown in brackets [ ].

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Answer **three** questions.

Section A: Education

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

1 **(a)** Explain the view that education serves the interests of the ruling class. [9]

(b) 'Cultural deprivation is the main reason why pupils from working-class families underachieve at school.' Assess this view. [16]

2 **(a)** Explain how the hidden curriculum may influence pupil attitudes to education. [9]

(b) 'The main purpose of education is social control.' Assess this view. [16]

Section B: Global Development

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

3 **(a)** Explain the world systems theory of development. [9]

(b) 'Limited access to education is the main cause of poverty in developing societies.' Assess this view. [16]

4 **(a)** Explain why development is a difficult concept to define. [9]

(b) 'Transnational corporations are the main obstacle to economic growth in developing societies.' Assess this view. [16]

Section C: Media

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

5 **(a)** Explain how media organisations have changed as a result of globalisation. [9]

(b) 'Governments have little power over the media today.' Assess this view. [16]

6 **(a)** Explain the concept of hegemonic control in relation to the media. [9]

(b) 'Media influence is best explained by the two-step flow model.' Assess this view. [16]

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Section D: Religion

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

7 **(a)** Explain how globalisation may have led to a growth in religious fundamentalism. [9]

(b) 'Women have little power within religious organisations.' Assess this view. [16]

8 **(a)** Explain how religious organisations have been affected by secularisation. [9]

(b) 'Religion contributes to value consensus in society.' Assess this view. [16]

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