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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 why some working-class pupils develop a counter-school culture. [9]

(b) 'Educational achievement is based on individual merit.' Assess this view. [16]

2 **(a)** Explain how labelling by teachers may influence the educational achievement of pupils. [9]

(b) 'The education system benefits all social groups.' Assess this view. [16]

Section B: Global Development

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

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

(b) 'All societies are moving towards the same developmental stage.' Assess this view. [16]

4 **(a)** Explain how economic development affects population growth. [9]

(b) 'Weak government in developing countries is the main obstacle to economic development.' Assess this view. [16]

Section C: Media

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

5 **(a)** Explain the factors that influence the way news is reported. [9]

(b) 'Media content is controlled entirely by the owners of the media.' Assess this view. [16]

6 **(a)** Explain the digital optimist view of the new media. [9]

(b) 'The power of the media to influence the way people behave has been exaggerated.' Assess this view. [16]

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Section D: Religion

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

7 **(a)** Explain the idea that religion has lost many of the functions it performed in the past. [9]

(b) 'Religion leads to social conflict rather than social solidarity.' Assess this view. [16]

8 **(a)** Explain why it may be difficult to measure the extent of religious belief in a society. [9]

(b) 'Religion has little influence on people today.' Assess this view. [16]

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