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1 hour 45 minutes

You must answer on the enclosed answer booklet.

You will need: Answer booklet (enclosed)

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INSTRUCTIONS

- Answer **two** questions.
- 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 70.
- The number of marks for each question or part question is shown in brackets [ ].

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Answer **two** questions

Section A: Family

1 Sociologists debate whether families are functional or dysfunctional. Many types of family exist, such as extended and symmetrical families. Family life and roles can be affected by factors such as ethnicity, gender, age and social class.

(a) What is meant by the term 'symmetrical family'? [2]

(b) Describe **two** positive features of extended families. [4]

(c) Explain how children's roles in the family have changed over time. [6]

(d) Explain why an individual's experience of family life can be influenced by gender. [8]

(e) To what extent are families dysfunctional? [15]

Section B: Education

2 There are many different types of schools. For example, comprehensive schools and private schools. However, all schools educate, socialise and socially control students. Sociologists investigate different social groups' experiences of education. This includes investigating factors such as cultural capital and the culture of masculinity.

(a) What is meant by the term 'cultural capital'? [2]

(b) Describe **two** ways schools socially control students. [4]

(c) Explain how private schools benefit students from higher social classes. [6]

(d) Explain why the comprehensive system of education was introduced. [8]

(e) To what extent does the culture of masculinity affect educational experience? [15]

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Section C: Crime, deviance and social control

3 Victim surveys show that there is a dark figure of female crime. There are many different agencies of social control which can be formal or informal. Several different theories exist to explain why people commit crime, such as Marxism. Some sociologists argue that youth sub-cultures can be linked to crime.

(a) What is meant by the term 'victim surveys'? [2]

(b) Describe **two** agencies of informal social control. [4]

(c) Explain how youth sub-cultures can be linked to crime. [6]

(d) Explain why Marxists argue some individuals commit crime. [8]

(e) To what extent is there a dark figure of female crime? [15]

Section D: Media

4 There are many perspectives on the media, such as Marxist and feminist views. The media represents social groups, such as ethnic minorities and youth, in different ways. The media has different roles, for example advertising and entertainment. Patterns of consumption can be influenced by the various forms of media.

(a) What is meant by the term 'advertising'? [2]

(b) Describe **two** media representations of ethnic minorities. [4]

(c) Explain how patterns of consumption can be influenced by the media. [6]

(d) Explain why feminists criticise media content. [8]

(e) To what extent is the Marxist view of the media accurate? [15]

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