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SOCIOLOGY

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Paper 2 Family, Education and Crime

For examination from 2025

SPECIMEN PAPER

1 hour 45 minutes



You must answer on the enclosed answer booklet.

You will need: Answer booklet (enclosed)

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 80.
- The number of marks for each question or part question is shown in brackets [].

This document has **4** pages.

Answer **two** questions.

Family

- 1 (a) Define the term:
- (i) empty nest family [2]
 - (ii) patriarchy. [2]
- (b) Give **two** examples of negative sanctions used in the family to control children. [2]
- (c) Describe **three** types of marriage. [6]
- (d) Explain **three** criticisms of the feminist view of the family. [6]
- (e) Discuss how family functions have changed over time.
Your answer should include:
- at least **three** developed points with evidence. [8]
- (f) Evaluate the view that the extended family is the best for society.
Your answer should include:
- at least **three** arguments for the view and **three** arguments against the view
 - a conclusion. [14]

Education

- 2 (a) Define the term:
- (i) Marxism [2]
 - (ii) vocationalism. [2]
- (b) Give **two** examples of gendered socialisation in schools. [2]
- (c) Explain **three** ways material factors may affect educational achievement. [6]
- (d) Explain **three** aspects of the functionalist view of education. [6]
- (e) Discuss reasons why some ethnic minority students may underachieve at school. Your answer should include:
 - at least **three** developed points with evidence. [8]
- (f) Evaluate the view that progressive schooling is the best form of education. Your answer should include:
 - at least **three** arguments for the view and **three** arguments against the view
 - a conclusion. [14]

Crime, deviance and social control

- 3 (a)** Define the term:
- (i)** deviance [2]
 - (ii)** postmodernism. [2]
- (b)** Give **two** examples of surveillance used for controlling crime. [2]
- (c)** Explain **three** reasons why poverty might lead to crime. [6]
- (d)** Explain **three** criticisms of the labelling theory of crime. [6]
- (e)** Discuss the view that crime and deviance are relative.
Your answer should include:
- at least **three** developed points with evidence. [8]
- (f)** Evaluate the view that capital punishment is the most effective punishment for crime.
Your answer should include:
- at least **three** arguments for the view and **three** arguments against the view
 - a conclusion. [14]

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