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Paper 3 Social Change and Differentiation

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Additional Materials: Answer Booklet/Paper

3 hours

READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS FIRST

If you have been given an Answer Booklet, follow the instructions on the front cover of the Booklet.
Write your Centre number, candidate number and name on all the work you hand in.
Write in dark blue or black pen on both sides of the paper.
You may use a soft pencil for any diagrams, graphs or rough working.
Do not use staples, paper clips, highlighters, glue or correction fluid.

Answer **three** questions, **each from a different section**.

At the end of the examination, fasten all your work securely together.

The number of marks is given in brackets [] at the end of each question or part question.

Option A: Families and HouseholdsAnswer **either** Question 1 **or** Question 2.

- 1 (a) Describe, with examples, the variety of households that may be found in societies. [9]
- (b) Evaluate the claim that the nuclear family is of declining importance in modern industrial societies. [16]
- 2 (a) Describe, with examples, the major trends in marriage and divorce over the last 100 years. [9]
- (b) Assess the extent to which the changes that you have outlined in (a) reflect the changing status of women in society. [16]

Option B: EducationAnswer **either** Question 3 **or** Question 4.

- 3 (a) Describe, with examples, the patterns of educational achievements of ethnic minorities. [9]
- (b) Assess the factors that may explain differences in the educational achievements of ethnic minorities. [16]
- 4 (a) Describe the process of *labelling* in education. [9]
- (b) Assess the Functionalist view that education in modern industrialised societies is based on meritocratic principles. [16]

Option C: ReligionAnswer **either** Question 5 **or** 6.

- 5 (a) Describe **two** sociological explanations for the continuing existence of religious observance in society. [9]
- (b) How valid is Weber's claim that "scientific rationality will replace religious ideology in modern industrial societies?" [16]
- 6 (a) Describe the changing nature of religious power in societies. [9]
- (b) Assess the validity of the *secularisation thesis*. [16]

Option D: Crime and Deviance

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

- 7 (a) Describe the influence of '*moral panics*' on levels of crime. [9]
 (b) 'Levels of crime reflect levels of deviance'. Evaluate this proposition. [16]
- 8 (a) Explain why females appear to commit fewer crimes than males. [9]
 (b) Assess the view that working class males are more likely to commit deviant acts than others. [16]

Option E: Work and Leisure

Answer **either** Question 9 **or** Question 10.

- 9 (a) Describe, with examples, how the position of ethnic minorities in paid employment has changed in the last 100 years. [9]
 (b) Assess the social consequences of the changes in employment for ethnic minorities over the last 100 years. [16]
- 10 (a) Explain the nature of work and what differentiates it from other activities. [9]
 (b) Assess the extent to which satisfaction from work is gained in modern industrial societies. [16]

Option F: Mass Media

Answer **either** Question 11 **or** Question 12.

- 11 (a) Describe how the processes of selection **and** presentation of the content of the mass media can influence audiences. [9]
 (b) Assess the view that the mass media is used as a means of ideological control. [16]
- 12 (a) Describe, with examples, how the mass media stereotypes **and** labels different groups of people. [9]
 (b) Assess the view that the mass media is partly responsible for the level of violence in modern industrial societies. [16]

