
SOCIOLOGY

Paper 3 Social Inequality and Opportunity

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No Additional Materials are required.

READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS FIRST

An answer booklet is provided inside the question paper. You should follow the instructions on the front cover of the answer booklet. If you need additional answer paper ask the invigilator for a continuation booklet.

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

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



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Section A: Education

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

- 1 (a) Explain the obstacles to educational achievement that a child from a poor family may face. [9]
- (b) 'Educational policies designed to overcome inequality in schools can never be successful'. Assess this view. [16]
- 2 (a) Explain how some minority ethnic groups may be disadvantaged by the hidden curriculum. [9]
- (b) 'Labelling is the main reason why working class pupils underachieve at school.' Assess this view. [16]

Section B: Global Development

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

- 3 (a) Explain the rapid growth of the newly industrialising nations in East Asia. [9]
- (b) Assess the strengths and limitations of dependency theories of global inequality. [16]
- 4 (a) Explain the demographic transition model. [9]
- (b) 'Controlling population growth is the key to reducing global poverty'. Assess this view. [16]

Section C: Media

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

- 5 (a) Explain the pluralist theory of the role of the media. [9]
(b) 'The content of the media reflects the ideas of the ruling class'. Assess this view. [16]
- 6 (a) Explain the uses and gratification model of how audiences are affected by the media. [9]
(b) Assess the postmodernist contribution to understanding the impact of the media. [16]

Section D: Religion

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

- 7 (a) Explain why declining church attendance is not necessarily evidence that secularisation is occurring. [9]
(b) 'In order to maintain their power, it has been necessary for religious organisations to find new ways of attracting members.' Assess this view. [16]
- 8 (a) Explain why there has been a growth in new religious movements. [9]
(b) Assess the view that religion is a form of ideology for controlling the working class. [16]

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