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0495 SOCIOLOGY

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MAXIMUM MARK : 60
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SOCIOLOGY

1. The importance of the nuclear family in modern industrialised societies has declined. There are many other types of family today.

a) What is meant by the term nuclear family? (2)

A unit consisting of spouses and their dependent children = 2 marks.

b) Describe **two** other types of family (4)

Options include: single parent; extended; compound; married couple only; homosexual couples with or without children; etc. (2 x 2 marks)

c) What factors have led to the decline of the nuclear family? (7)

Factors include: increasing divorce rates; increasingly common decision of women who become pregnant not to marry; more people remaining single or marrying at a later age; more couples choosing not to have children; etc. A basic account of one or two factors could achieve up to 4 marks. A clear and accurate account of several factors would merit 5-7 marks.

d) Does the decline of the nuclear family in modern industrialised societies mean that family life is less important? (7)

No, it is just different. Accept answers along these lines (3) with additional marks where there are examples or extended explanations. Also possible to answer that the family is less stable today; that nuclear families cannot cope with the demands being made on them, leading to breakdown.

2. Research has shown that the higher a child's parents are in the class structure, the greater that child's chances of success in the formal education system.

(a) What is meant by *formal education*? (2)

This is the academic or practical knowledge taught at school and college. (1 mark for each basic point; 2-3 marks for a developed point.)

(b) In what ways might home background influence a child's chances of educational success?

Important influences include: the values and behaviour of a child's family; the form of language used in the home; and the physical condition of the home. (1 mark for each basic point; 2-3 marks for a developed point.)

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(c) What factors within schools may encourage or discourage pupils in their studies? (6)

Relevant factors include: quality of teaching; labelling; streaming; type of school and resources it may have available; peer group; etc. (1 mark for each basic point; 2-3 marks for a developed point.)

(d) What can schools do to help children from poor families to improve their chances of educational success? (6)

Various initiatives possible, perhaps based around the idea of compensatory education and/or changing the attitudes and values of pupils/staff. Reward depth of discussion and/or quality of the suggestions.

3. the process of moving from agricultural to large-scale factory production is known as industrialisation. There are many differences between work in industrial and pre-industrial society.

a) What reasons have sociologists identified to explain why people work in industrialised societies. (5)

Extrinsic and intrinsic reason; companionship; status and sense of identity; escape from the restrictive role of housewife in the case of women; etc (1 mark for each basic point; 2-3 marks for a developed point.)

b) What are the main differences between work in pre-industrial and industrialised societies? (5)

- working and social lives were unified
- work roles were ascribed and not achieved
- the concept of work measured in time did not exist
- no separate work place.

c) To what extent may it be claimed that work was more satisfying in pre-industrialised societies?

Good answers might consider the affects in terms of, for example, health, life chances, , leisure pursuits, community and family life, etc. Reward depth of analysis and knowledge.

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- d) What links have been identified between work and leisure in industrialised societies? (5)

Candidates may refer to Parker's distinction between extension, opposition and neutral patterns of work/leisure relationship. Reward other plausible answers (1 mark for each basic point; 2-3 marks for a developed point.)

4. The official crime statistics should be treated with great caution. Many people do not report crimes to the police and the police do not always record crimes that have been reported to them.

- a) Why might some crimes not be reported to the police? (5)

Seen as too trivial; fear of reprisals; no financial incentive, such as insurance claims; antipathy to the police; crimes not detected by anyone; victimless crimes may not be so readily reported; etc. (1 mark for each basic point; 2-3 marks for a developed point.)

- b) How might the activities of the police affect what types of crimes and offenders appear in the official crime statistics? (5)

Answers may reflect on how the police become sensitised towards certain types of crime or category of offender, and the role of the mass media and politicians in this respect. The extent of police resources and the distribution of these resources are also relevant factors to consider. (1 mark for each basic point; 2-3 marks for a developed point.)

- c) Women appear to commit fewer crimes than men. How might this be explained? (5)

Differences in gender socialisation; differences in methods/forms of social control applied to boys and girls respectively; differences in ambitions and/or career opportunities; gender differences in the treatment of suspects/offenders; etc. (1 mark for each basic point; 2-3 marks for a developed point.)

- d) Apart from official statistics, what other ways are there of measuring the amounts of crime in society and how adequate are they? (5)

Victim studies and self-report studies are the main alternatives and both must be mentioned to achieve 4-5 marks.

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5. Senior politicians, military officers, industrialists and professionals tend to be drawn from a very wealth and privileged background. Some sociologists refer to this as social elite.

a) What is the meaning of *social élite*? (2)

A privileged high status group in society.

b) Why do senior politicians, military officers, industrialists and professionals tend to be drawn from a small social group. (6)

Educational and social privilege, in UK through wealth and private education, top universities and use of contacts to get key jobs. 2 marks for basic understanding; further 4 for good analysis with examples.

c) How do social élite's maintain their power against challenges from other groups? (6)

By making it hard to join (e.g. Lawyers and doctors): limited recruitment and training opportunities; need for very long apprenticeship before earnings improve; closed recruitment (i.e. outsiders find it hard to get in). Up to 3 marks for basic grasp of this; up to 3 more marks for good examples or more detailed analysis.

d) How can the power of social élite's be broken? (6)

Revolution, war, gradual social change which increases economic and political power of other groups; more open opportunities, education, social mobility. Reward basic grasp of any of these with up to 3 marks; up to 3 more for detailed analysis or good examples.