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**SOCIOLOGY**

**2251/23**

Paper 2

**May/June 2012**

**1 hour 45 minutes**

Candidates answer on the Question Paper.

No Additional Materials are required.

**READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS FIRST**

Write your Centre number, candidate number and name in the spaces provided.

Write in dark blue or black pen.

You may use a soft pencil for any diagrams, graphs or rough working.

Do not use staples, paper clips, highlighters, glue or correction fluid.

You may not need all the answer lines for your answer.

**DO NOT WRITE IN ANY BARCODES.**

Answer any **three** questions.

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

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Section A: Family



1 There has been an increase in dual-worker families in modern industrial societies in recent years.

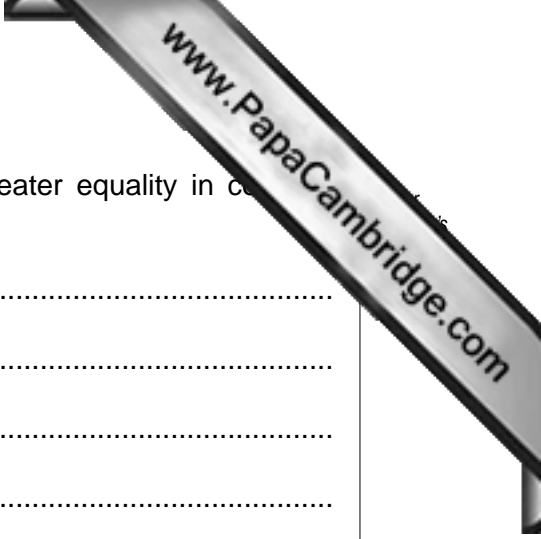
(a) What is meant by the term *dual-worker families*?

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(b) Describe **two** reasons for the increase in dual-worker families.

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(d) How far has the increase in dual-worker families led to greater equality in domestic roles?

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2 There has been an increase in serial monogamy in modern industrial societies. There has also been an increase in the number of step-parents.

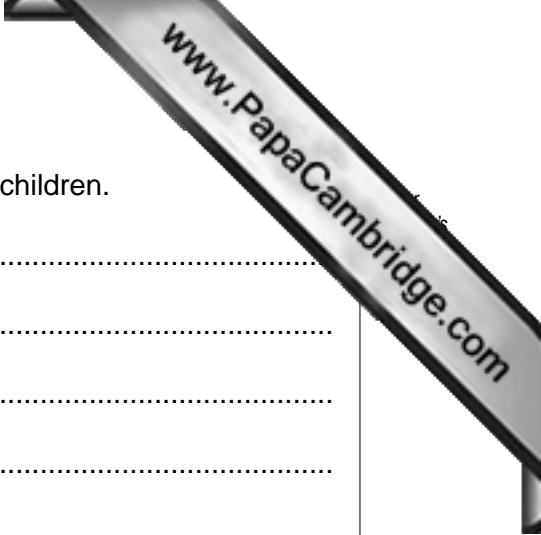
(a) What is meant by the term *serial monogamy*?

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(b) Describe **two** reasons for the increase in the number of step-parents.

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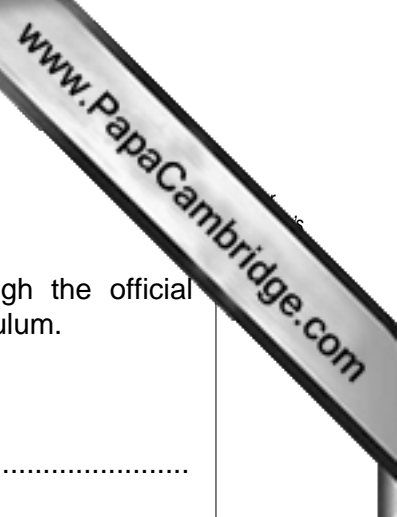
(d) Assess the view that divorce may have a significant effect on children.

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Section B: Education



3 In many societies governments control what is taught in schools through the official curriculum. However, it is harder for governments to control the hidden curriculum.

(a) What is meant by the term *hidden curriculum*?

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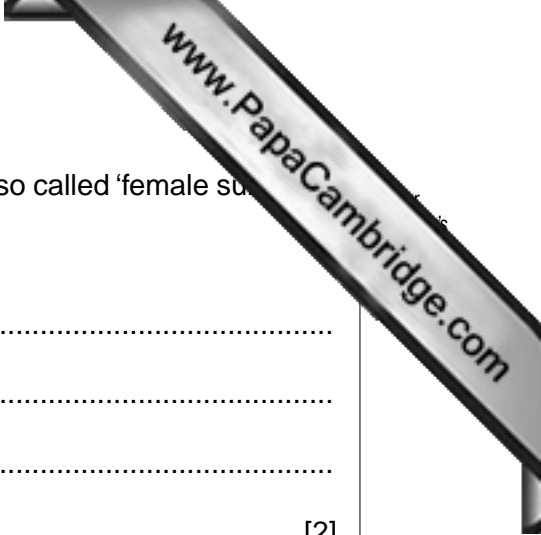
(b) Describe **two** factors that influence the official curriculum.

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4 Despite equal opportunities in education, girls continue to choose so called 'female subjects'.

(a) What is meant by the term *equal opportunities*?

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(b) Describe **two** examples of 'female subjects'.

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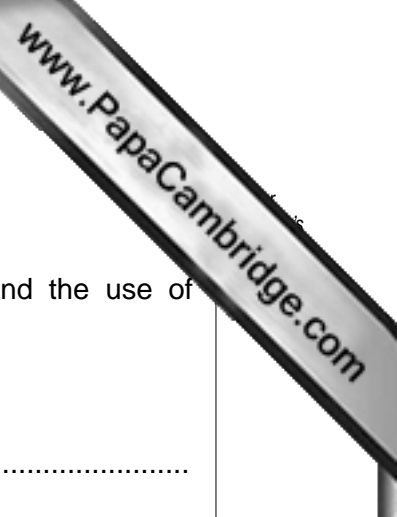








**Section C: Crime, Deviance and Social Control**



5 In recent years more emphasis has been placed on crime prevention and the use of surveillance. Some people see surveillance as a threat to civil liberties.

(a) What is meant by the term *crime prevention*?

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(b) Describe **two** examples of crime prevention in modern industrial societies.

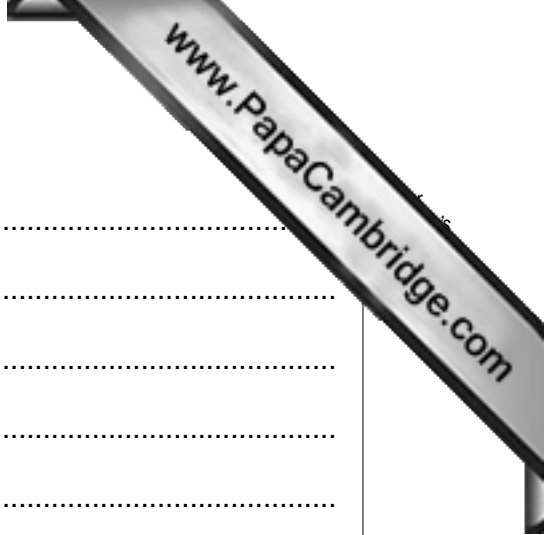
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(c) Explain how modern technology has led to 'new' crimes in modern industrial soc.

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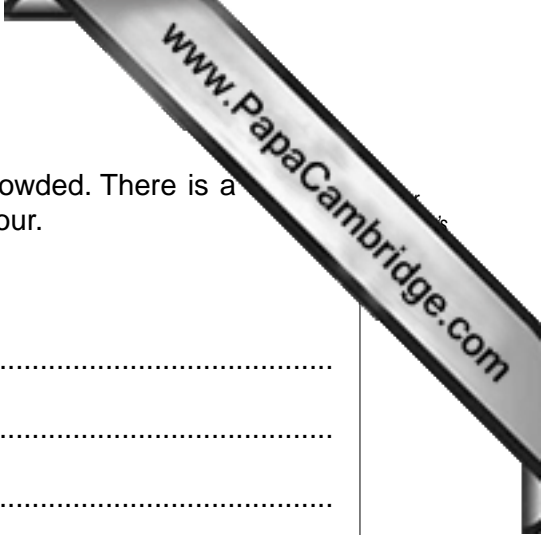
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6 Increasing crime rates have resulted in prisons becoming overcrowded. There is a debate about whether prisons create a stigma that deters criminal behaviour.

(a) What is meant by the term '*stigma*'?

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(b) Describe **two** types of punishment for criminal behaviour apart from prison.

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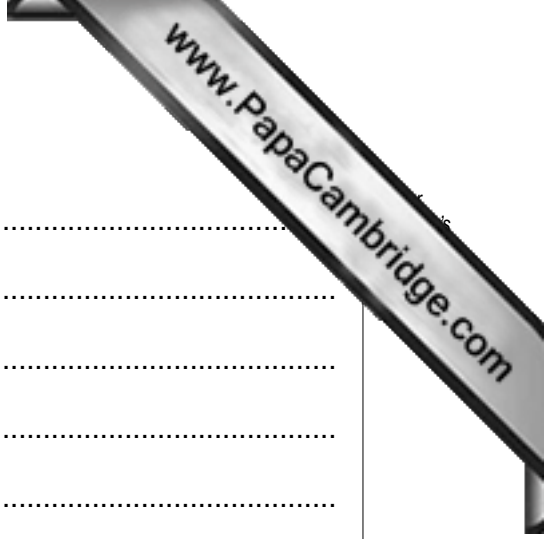




(d) Assess the view that the purpose of prison is to punish criminals.

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Section D: The Mass Media



7 Despite the growth of new technologies within the mass media, newspapers and 'the press' continue to be an important influence in modern industrial societies.

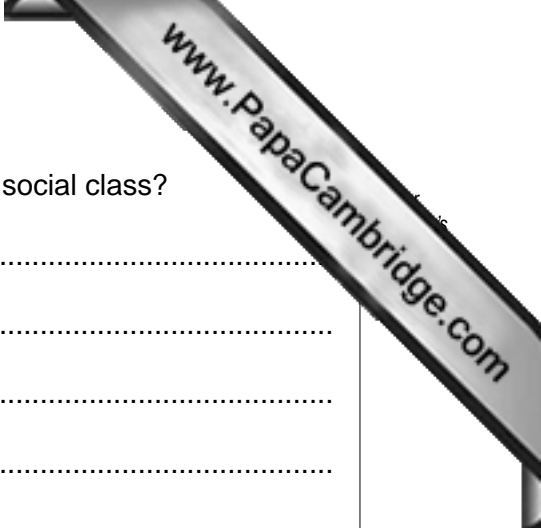
(a) What is meant by the term *the press*?

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(b) Describe **two** differences between tabloid and broadsheet newspapers.

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(d) How far does the newspaper a person reads depend on their social class?

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8 Content analysis and semiology are both used to research the media.

(a) What is meant by the term *content analysis*?

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(b) Describe **two** ways that content analysis is used to study the media.

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