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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 this 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 why sociologists question the importance of intelligence in explaining educational achievement. [9]
- (b) Assess the view that the main role of the education system is to maintain social order. [16]
- 2 (a) Explain why the educational opportunities that a child has may be influenced by their parents' income. [9]
- (b) Assess the view that peer group influences are the main factor explaining what children achieve at school. [16]

Section B: Global Development

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

- 3 (a) Explain why high levels of government debt may be a problem for low-income countries. [9]
- (b) 'Choosing the right government policies is the key to achieving economic growth.' Assess this view. [16]
- 4 (a) Explain the difficulties in distributing aid effectively in low-income countries. [9]
- (b) 'The power of transnational corporations must be reduced if global inequality is to be overcome'. Assess this view. [16]

Section C: Media

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

- 5 (a) Explain ways in which youth sub-cultures are represented by the media. [9]
- (b) Assess the view that audiences have the greatest influence on the content of the media. [16]
- 6 (a) Explain how the social identity of a person may be influenced by the media. [9]
- (b) Assess the extent to which the media promote the democratic political process. [16]

Section D: Religion

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

- 7 (a) Explain the social factors that lead to the growth of sects. [9]
- (b) 'Science and rationalisation have undermined the power of religion in society'. Assess this view. [16]
- 8 (a) Explain why there are more men than women in positions of authority in most religious organisations. [9]
- (b) Assess the post-modernist contribution to understanding the role of religion in society. [16]

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