



**Section A: Education**

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

- 1 (a) Explain the role of schools in preparing young people for work. [9]
- (b) 'Access to cultural capital is the main factor explaining why educational achievement is high among middle class pupils.' Assess this view. [16]
- 2 (a) Explain how language use may influence educational achievement. [9]
- (b) 'Peer groups have more influence than teachers in shaping pupil attitudes to education.' Assess this claim. [16]

**Section B: Global Development**

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

- 3 (a) Explain the 'culture of poverty' thesis. [9]
- (b) 'All countries benefit from economic globalisation.' Assess this view. [16]
- 4 (a) Explain the difficulties in assessing the effectiveness of aid programmes in developing countries. [9]
- (b) Assess the idea that all societies are moving towards the same stage of development. [16]

**Section C: Media**

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

- 5 (a) Explain why the media may have more influence over some social groups than others. [9]  
(b) Assess the extent to which the media contribute to a democratic society. [16]
- 6 (a) Explain the impact of globalisation on the power of media owners. [9]  
(b) Assess the extent to which news presentation reflects the interests of the rich and powerful. [16]

**Section D: Religion**

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

- 7 (a) Explain the relationship between religion and the rise of capitalism. [9]  
(b) Assess the extent to which religion has become disengaged from society. [16]
- 8 (a) Explain how religion helps to reinforce social values. [9]  
(b) 'Religion protects the interests of privileged groups.' Assess this claim. [16]

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