
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 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: EducationAnswer **either** Question 1 **or** Question 2.

- 1 (a) Explain the functionalist view of the relationship between education and the wider society. [9]
 (b) 'In schools today there is equality of opportunity between all pupils.' Assess this view. [16]
- 2 (a) Explain how educational achievement may be affected by streaming. [9]
 (b) 'The main role of education systems is to maintain social control.' Assess this view. [16]

Section B: Global DevelopmentAnswer **either** Question 3 **or** Question 4.

- 3 (a) Explain why it might be difficult to distribute aid effectively in developing countries. [9]
 (b) 'Government corruption is the main reason why the poor remain in poverty in many developing countries.' Assess this view. [16]
- 4 (a) Explain the consequences for rural areas of a high level of rural-to-urban migration. [9]
 (b) Assess the impact of globalisation on local cultures. [16]

Section C: MediaAnswer **either** Question 5 **or** Question 6.

- 5 (a) Explain the role of the media in creating moral panics. [9]
 (b) 'The new media are now much more powerful than the traditional media.' Assess this view. [16]
- 6 (a) Explain how decisions are made within the media about what is newsworthy. [9]
 (b) 'There are many theories of how the media affects human behaviour, but all have limitations.' Assess this view. [16]

Section D: ReligionAnswer **either** Question 7 **or** Question 8.

- 7 (a) Explain why New Age ideas are replacing traditional belief systems in some societies. [9]
 (b) 'Religion has little influence on human behaviour today.' Assess this view. [16]
- 8 (a) Explain the feminist view that patriarchy is a feature of many religious organisations. [9]
 (b) 'With the transition from modernity to post-modernity, religion has become just one of many belief systems that people may choose to follow.' Assess this view. [16]

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