
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 the 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 determining which pupils succeed at school. [9]
- (b) 'The main function of education is to promote social mobility.' Assess this view. [16]
- 2 (a) Explain how the educational performance of pupils may be influenced by social deprivation. [9]
- (b) 'The hidden curriculum is the main factor explaining differences in the educational achievement of males and females.' Assess this view. [16]

Section B: Global Development

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

- 3 (a) Explain the limitations of defining development only in economic terms. [9]
- (b) 'Poverty is the main factor influencing the rate of population growth in developing countries.' Assess this view. [16]
- 4 (a) Explain the causes of rural-urban migration. [9]
- (b) 'Economic growth in developing countries benefits some groups more than others.' Assess this view. [16]

Section C: Media

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

- 5 (a) Explain how individuals can influence the content of the media. [9]
- (b) 'The cultural effects model provides the most convincing explanation of how the media influences behaviour.' Assess this view. [16]
- 6 (a) Explain the Marxist theory of the role of the media. [9]
- (b) 'Access to the new media provides individuals with greater opportunity to challenge the power of governments.' Assess this view. [16]

Section D: Religion

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

- 7 (a) Explain how sociologists have distinguished between different types of religious sect. [9]
- (b) 'Rather than supporting the existing social order, religion often acts as a force for social change.' Assess this view. [16]
- 8 (a) Explain how patterns of worship may be influenced by social class. [9]
- (b) 'The growth of new religious movements is a response to secularisation.' Assess this view. [16]

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