
SOCIOLOGY

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Paper 1 The Family

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1 hour 30 minutes

Additional Materials: Answer Booklet/Paper

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If you have been given an Answer Booklet, follow the instructions on the front cover of the Booklet.

Write your Centre number, candidate number and name on all the work you hand in.

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Answer Question 1 and **either** Question 2 **or** Question 3.

At the end of the examination, fasten all your work securely together.

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Section A

Answer question 1.

- 1 In many societies there no longer seems to be one dominant family form to which most of society's members belong. Instead, there is a variety of family forms and less pressure is placed on members of society to conform to traditional structures. With changing social attitudes and increased migration, more family forms are to be found in more societies.

The New Right have a conservative perspective on the family and are opposed to family diversity. They believe that society is best served by 'traditional' nuclear families where married couples live with dependent children and there is a clear division of labour between the parents. They believe that alternative family forms such as the *lone-parent family* create problems both for their members and society.

- (a) What is meant by *lone-parent family*? [2]
- (b) Describe **two** problems that some sociologists think lone-parent families create for society. [4]
- (c) Explain how ethnicity may influence family forms. [8]
- (d) Assess the view that the family in modern industrial societies is increasingly characterised by diversity. [11]

Section B

Answer **either** question 2 **or** question 3.

- 2 Explain and assess the view that the main role of the family is to support the state. [25]
- 3 'Changes in family life have brought an end to gender inequality in the home.' Explain and assess this view. [25]

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