
SOCIOLOGY

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Paper 1 The Family

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1 hour 30 minutes

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

The number of marks is given in brackets [] at the end of each question or part question.



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Section A

Answer Question 1.

- 1 In his 1949 study 'Social Structure', the functionalist anthropologist Murdock argued that the nuclear family is universal. Murdock believed that the nuclear family is found in every society and also that it is the 'core' unit in all other family types. Murdock also recognised variation in both the structures and relationships found in families. For example, he noted the existence of monogamy and *polygamy* in different societies.

Other functionalists have rejected the idea that the nuclear family is universal. Parsons, for example, argued that the nuclear family is the dominant family form only in modern industrial societies. In Parsons' view, the nuclear family became dominant because it has a functional fit with the economic needs of modern industrial societies.

- (a) Define the term *polygamy*. [2]
- (b) Describe **two** family structures other than the nuclear family. [4]
- (c) Explain the view that there is a functional fit between the nuclear family and the economic needs of modern industrial societies. [8]
- (d) Assess the view that the nuclear family is universal. [11]

Section B

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

- 2 'Feminist theories exaggerate the level of inequality in the family.' Explain and assess this view. [25]
- 3 'The roles and responsibilities of children in families today are very different from the roles and responsibilities of children in the past.' Explain and assess this view. [25]

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