
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 Social policies are the actions, plans and programmes of government bodies. Social policies are introduced to deal with perceived social problems or achieve changes in social behaviour. One example of a social policy is the legislation in some countries that allows *civil partnership*.

Functionalists argue that society is based on value consensus and that government policies are in the interest of all members of society. Functionalists also claim that government policies help the family to carry out its role in society. On the other hand, conflict theorists, such as Marxists and feminists, argue that society is based on competition between groups with different interests. They believe that the more one group gains, the more another group loses. For conflict theorists, the family serves the interests of dominant groups, such as men or the ruling class, and government policies also support these interests.

- (a) Define the term *civil partnership*. [2]
- (b) Describe **two** ways in which the family serves the interests of the ruling class. [4]
- (c) Explain the ways family life may be influenced by social policies. [8]
- (d) Assess the view that the family serves the interests of men. [11]

Section B

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

- 2 'There are more similarities than differences between the functionalist and Marxist theories of the family.' Explain and assess this view. [25]
- 3 Explain and assess the view that industrialisation has led to the decline of the extended family. [25]

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