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Paper 2

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SPECIMEN PAPER

1 hour 45 minutes

Candidates answer on the Question Paper.

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Answer any **three** questions.

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Section A: Family

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1 The functions performed by the family have changed as societies have modernised.

(a) What is meant by the term *functions*?

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(b) Describe **two** functions that families perform in traditional societies.

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2 The nuclear family has been described as the ideal type of family in modern industrial societies, however many other types of family exist alongside each other.

(a) What is meant by the term *nuclear family*?

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(b) Describe **two** other types of family unit.

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Section B: Education

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3 Both the formal curriculum and the hidden curriculum play an important part in what pupils learn at school.

(a) What is meant by the term *formal curriculum*?

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(b) Describe **two** examples of how the hidden curriculum may reinforce gender roles in schools.

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4 Despite equal opportunities in education, stereotyping still exists to some extent in schools in relation to social class, gender and ethnicity.

(a) What is meant by the term *stereotyping*?

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(b) Describe **two** ways in which a pupil's social class may influence educational achievement.

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Section C: Crime, Deviance and Social Control

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5 Official crime statistics may be misleading and always need careful interpretation.

(a) What is meant by the term *official crime statistics*?

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(b) Describe **two** reasons why white-collar crime often goes unrecorded by the police.

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6 Formal social control plays a key role in maintaining order in modern industrial societies.

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(a) What is meant by the term formal *social control*?

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(b) Describe **two** examples of deviant behaviour.

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Section D: The Mass Media

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7 It is sometimes claimed that those who own the mass media have too much power to influence the behaviour of groups and individuals.

(a) What is meant by the term *mass media*?

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(b) Describe **two** trends in the ownership and control of the mass media in modern industrial societies.

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8 Advertising may help to shape the way people view themselves and the lifestyle choices they make.

(a) What is meant by the term *advertising*?

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(b) Describe **two** examples of how the lifestyle choices people make may be influenced by advertising.

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