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Paper 1 The Family

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**1 hour 30 minutes**

No Additional Materials are required.

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**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 Some sociologists claim that there is greater equality in conjugal roles now than in the past. They point to an increased sharing of household tasks, responsibilities and power between married partners and argue that this has resulted in greater equality in relationships between men and women.

Feminists, however, reject this view of relationships today. Although not all feminists share the same outlook they do agree that family life continues to be a source of gender inequality. Feminists highlight concerns such as inequality in the *domestic division of labour*, differences in decision making power in the family, and evidence that domestic violence is found in all societies, even when it is illegal.

- (a) What is meant by the term *domestic division of labour*? [2]
- (b) Describe **two** reasons why men may have more decision making power than women in families. [4]
- (c) Explain why there may be an increased sharing of household tasks between men and women in the family today. [8]
- (d) Assess the contribution of feminist views to our understanding of relationships between men and women in the family. [11]

## Section B

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

- 2 'The main reason that marriage is in decline is because it is so much easier to divorce today.' Explain and assess this view. [25]
- 3 Explain and assess the view that ethnicity is the main factor influencing family diversity. [25]

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