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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 **three** questions, **each from a different section**.

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

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Answer **three** questions.

Section A: Education

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

- 1** **(a)** Explain how educational performance may be affected by the hidden curriculum. [9]
- (b)** 'The purpose of the education system is to control the working class.' Assess this view. [16]
- 2** **(a)** Explain the factors influencing subject choices for girls in education. [9]
- (b)** 'Cultural capital is the main reason that middle class pupils succeed in education.' Assess this view. [16]

Section B: Global Development

Answer **either** Question 3 **or** Question 4.

- 3** **(a)** Explain why the rapid growth of urban areas may be harmful to development. [9]
- (b)** 'Adopting capitalist models of economic growth will only make developing countries poorer.' Assess this view. [16]
- 4** **(a)** Explain why government corruption in developing countries may make economic growth harder to achieve. [9]
- (b)** 'The impact of colonialism has made it impossible for developing countries to achieve high standards of living.' Assess this view. [16]

3**Section C: Media**

Answer **either** Question 5 **or** Question 6.

- 5** (a) Explain how governments may seek to control the media. [9]
- (b) 'The media shapes views about what is socially acceptable behaviour.' Assess this view. [16]
- 6** (a) Explain the role of the media in gender socialisation. [9]
- (b) 'Media content reflects the demands of the audience.' Assess this view. [16]

Section D: Religion

Answer **either** Question 7 **or** Question 8.

- 7** (a) Explain why levels of religious participation are higher among women than men in many societies. [9]
- (b) 'Religious organisations remain as patriarchal as ever.' Assess this view. [16]
- 8** (a) Explain the factors that lead to the growth of sects. [9]
- (b) 'The growth of new religious movements shows that secularisation is not occurring.' Assess this view. [16]

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