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Paper 1 The Family

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1 hour 30 minutes

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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 All family members have roles. The roles of parent and child are found in all societies. However, what these roles mean may vary between societies and has changed over time. Factors such as social class can affect the experience of childhood within a specific group or society. Culture can also influence family roles and *kinship* relationships. For example, changing social attitudes have led to families becoming more child-centred in some societies. In the child-centred family, children have greater significance and fewer responsibilities than in earlier times.

Demographic changes also influence family roles. Increased life expectancy means that many grandparents and grandchildren are now able to have a relationship that would not have been possible in the past.

- (a) Define the term *kinship*. [2]
- (b) Describe **two** ways in which the roles of parents may vary between societies. [4]
- (c) Explain why families have become more child-centred in some societies. [8]
- (d) Assess the view that social class is the main factor affecting the experience of childhood. [11]

Section B

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

- 2 Explain and assess the view that the main function of the family is to reproduce the workforce. [25]
- 3 'Improved employment opportunities for females are the reason divorce rates have increased in modern industrial societies.' Explain and assess this view. [25]

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