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Paper 1 The Family

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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 argue that changing social attitudes have had a significant influence on family life. For example, in many societies people are more accepting of divorce and *cohabitation* than they were in the past. This may help to explain why in recent times there has been a rise in the divorce rate, a decline in the marriage rate and an increase in the average age at which individuals first marry.

Similar changes in social attitudes have influenced conjugal roles in the family. Some sociologists point to a move from segregated to joint conjugal roles. However, others have questioned the view that roles in the family are becoming equal.

- (a) Define the term *cohabitation*. [2]
- (b) Describe **two** reasons why there has been an increase in the average age at which individuals first marry. [4]
- (c) Explain why the divorce rate has increased in many societies. [8]
- (d) Assess the view that roles in the family are becoming equal. [11]

Section B

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

- 2 Explain and assess the view that ethnic diversity is the main factor leading to family diversity. [25]
- 3 'The most significant function of the family is to provide emotional support for its members.' Explain and assess this view. [25]

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