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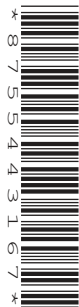
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Paper 3 Social Inequality and Opportunity

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You must answer on the enclosed answer booklet.

You will need: Answer booklet (enclosed)

INSTRUCTIONS

- Answer **three** questions, **each** from a different section.
- Follow the instructions on the front cover of the answer booklet. If you need additional answer paper, ask the invigilator for a continuation booklet.

INFORMATION

- The total mark for this paper is 75.
- The number of marks for each question or part question is shown in brackets [].

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Answer **three** questions.

Section A: Education

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

- 1 (a) Explain the influence of peer groups on pupil attitudes to education. [9]
- (b) 'Schools reproduce social inequality.' Assess this view. [16]
- 2 (a) Explain the view that education systems contribute to ideological control. [9]
- (b) 'Female pupils have the same opportunities as male pupils to achieve educational success.' Assess this view. [16]

Section B: Global Development

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

- 3 (a) Explain the consequences of international labour migration for developing societies. [9]
- (b) 'Government corruption is the main reason why poverty continues to exist in developing societies.' Assess this view. [16]
- 4 (a) Explain the demographic transition model of population changes. [9]
- (b) 'If economic development is to be achieved, population growth must be controlled.' Assess this view. [16]

Section C: Media

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

- 5 (a) Explain how the new media have changed the way news is reported. [9]
- (b) 'Media content is shaped by a range of different social groups.' Assess this view. [16]
- 6 (a) Explain the role of the media in political socialisation. [9]
- (b) 'There is no evidence that watching violent media leads people to behave violently.' Assess this view. [16]

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Section D: Religion

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

- 7 (a) Explain the view that 'religion is the opiate of the masses'. [9]
- (b) 'Religions are male-dominated institutions that contribute to gender inequality.' Assess this view. [16]
- 8 (a) Explain the links between secularisation and the growth of fundamentalist religions. [9]
- (b) 'In postmodern societies, religion changes and takes new forms.' Assess this view. [16]

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