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Paper 2 The Family

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1 hour 30 minutes



You must answer on the enclosed answer booklet.

You will need: Answer booklet (enclosed)

INSTRUCTIONS

- Answer **four** questions in total:
Section A: answer **all** questions.
Section B: answer **either** Question 4 **or** Question 5.
- 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 60.
- The number of marks for each question or part question is shown in brackets [].

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2**Section A**

Answer **all** questions in this section.

- 1** Describe **two** ways fatherhood is different today than in the past. [4]
- 2** (a) Explain **two** ways the family functions to benefit society. [8]
(b) Explain **two** limitations of functionalist views of the family. [6]
- 3** 'Childhood as a distinct period of life is disappearing today.'
(a) Explain this view. [10]
(b) Using sociological material, give **one** argument against this view. [6]

Section B

Answer **one** question in this section.

EITHER

- 4** Evaluate the view that gender is the most important factor influencing family life. [26]

OR

- 5** Evaluate the view that family structure is now characterised by diversity. [26]

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