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SOCIOLOGY **9699/31**

Paper 3 Education **October/November 2025**

1 hour 15 minutes

You must answer on the enclosed answer booklet.

You will need: Answer booklet (enclosed)

INSTRUCTIONS

- Answer **all** questions.
- 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 50.
- The number of marks for each question or part question is shown in brackets [ ].

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Answer **all** questions.

1 Describe **two** ways compensatory education has tried to help working-class children. [4]

2 Explain **two** reasons why ethnic background may affect educational attainment. [8]

3 'The main role of education in modern societies is to provide a labour force for capitalism.'

Using sociological material, give **two** arguments against this view. [12]

4 Evaluate the view that gender has little influence on educational attainment today. [26]

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