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SOCIOLOGY **9699/21**

Paper 2 The Family **May/June 2026**

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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Section A

Answer **all** questions in this section.

1 Describe **two** ways girls may experience family life differently to boys. [4]

2 **(a)** Explain **two** ways the family promotes the interests of capitalism. [8]

(b) Explain **two** limitations of Marxist views of the family. [6]

3 'Cohabitation is more popular than marriage 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 the distinction between childhood and adulthood has become less clear. [26]

Or

5 Evaluate the view that social class is the main factor influencing family diversity. [26]

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