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**SOCIOLOGY**

**2251/23**

Paper 2

**October/November 2013**

**1 hour 45 minutes**

Candidates answer on the Question Paper.

No Additional Materials are required.

**READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS FIRST**

DO **NOT** WRITE IN ANY BARCODES.

Write your Centre number, candidate number and name on all the work you hand in.

Write in dark blue or black pen.

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Answer any **three** questions.

The number of marks is given in brackets [ ] at the end of each question or part question.

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## Section A: The Family

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Use

- 1 Most governments create laws and policies which directly affect the family. Some people consider that living as part of a family is best for everyone.

(a) What is meant by the term *family*?

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(b) Describe **two** government policies which directly affect families.

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**(c)** Explain how governments can use laws and policies to influence the birth rate.

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- 2 It has been suggested that with the emergence of the 'new man', conjugal roles within the family are now more equal.

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(a) What is meant by the term *new man*?

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(b) Describe **two** ways in which men's involvement in family life has changed in modern industrial societies.

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## Section B: Education

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- 3 Despite increasing equality in schools, social class remains an important influence on educational achievement.

(a) What is meant by the term *social class*?

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(b) Describe **two** influences on educational achievement, other than those linked to social class.

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**(c)** Explain some of the reasons why working class children may underachieve at school.

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- 4 Functionalists argue that schools transmit the core values of society and this leads to social cohesion and conformity.

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(a) What is meant by the term *social cohesion*?

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(b) Describe **two** ways in which pupils are encouraged to conform to school rules.

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## Section C: Crime, Deviance and Social Control

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- 5 Official crime statistics suggest that juvenile delinquency rates are highest in inner city areas. Statistics also show that a high proportion of crimes are committed by young working class males.

(a) What is meant by the term *juvenile delinquency*?

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(b) Describe **two** reasons why not all acts of juvenile delinquency may be recorded in the official crime statistics.

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6 In recent years there has been a growth in self-report and victim surveys.

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(a) What is meant by the term *victim surveys*?

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(b) Describe **two** reasons why a person might be reluctant to report a crime committed against them.

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**(c)** Explain why some social groups are more likely to be victims of crime than others.

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## Section D: Media

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- 7 It has been suggested that ethnic minorities are stereotyped and under-represented in the media.

(a) What is meant by the term *stereotype*?

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(b) Describe **two** examples of ethnic stereotypes used by the media.

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**(c)** Explain why some ethnic minorities may be under-represented in the media.

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- 8 Not everyone has access to the new media and there is a 'digital divide' between those who can and those who cannot afford to access it.

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(a) What is meant by the term *new media*?

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(b) Describe **two** ways in which the lives of young people may be affected by the new media.

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