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Paper 3 Social Inequality and Opportunity

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No Additional Materials are required.

READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS FIRST

An answer booklet is provided inside the question paper. You should follow the instructions on the front cover of the answer booklet. If you need additional answer paper ask the invigilator for a continuation booklet.

Answer **three** questions, **each from a different section**.

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



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Answer **three** questions.

Section A: Education

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

- 1 (a) Explain how language codes may influence educational achievement. [9]
 (b) 'The education system is a barrier to social mobility.' Assess this view. [16]
- 2 (a) Explain how gender stereotyping may influence the educational performance of female pupils. [9]
 (b) 'Functionalist theories have little value in explaining educational achievement.' Assess this view. [16]

Section B: Global Development

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

- 3 (a) Explain the links between poverty and high mortality rates in developing countries. [9]
 (b) 'Government policy is the main factor determining whether a country can achieve economic growth.' Assess this view. [16]
- 4 (a) Explain the factors leading to migration from rural to urban areas in developing countries. [9]
 (b) 'Cultural factors explain why some countries have developed more rapidly than others.' Assess this view. [16]

Section C: Media

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

- 5 (a) Explain the role of the media in agenda setting. [9]
 (b) 'Media owners control the content of the media.' Assess this view. [16]
- 6 (a) Explain the cultural effects model of media influence. [9]
 (b) 'People who watch violent media will act violently towards others.' Assess this view. [16]

Section D: Religion

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

- 7 (a) Explain the functionalist theory of religion. [9]
- (b) 'Religion is a form of ideology that serves the interests of the ruling class.' Assess this view. [16]
- 8 (a) Explain how sects differ from other religious organisations. [9]
- (b) 'Religious influence is still strong in modern industrial societies.' Assess this view. [16]

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