



Answer **three** questions.

### Section A: Education

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

- 1 (a) Explain the role of pupil sub-cultures in influencing educational performance. [9]
- (b) 'Feminisation of the curriculum is the main reason why girls are outperforming boys in many education systems today.' Assess this view. [16]
- 2 (a) Explain how cultural deprivation may harm a child's chances of educational success. [9]
- (b) 'Rather than education increasing our life chances, it narrows the opportunities we have after leaving school.' Assess this view. [16]

### Section B: Global Development

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

- 3 (a) Explain how poor health care may affect rates of population growth in developing countries. [9]
- (b) 'Developing countries will never achieve significant economic growth because they are too dependent on rich countries.' Assess this view. [16]
- 4 (a) Explain how poverty may be caused by cultural factors. [9]
- (b) 'There is no single model of development that can be applied successfully to all countries.' Assess this view. [16]

### Section C: Media

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

- 5 (a) Explain the role of gate-keeping in shaping media content. [9]
- (b) 'The traditional media have lost the power to shape social identities.' Assess this view. [16]
- 6 (a) Explain the limitations of the hypodermic syringe model of media influence. [9]
- (b) 'The media are controlled in the interests of the ruling class.' Assess this view. [16]

**Section D: Religion**

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

- 7 (a) Explain the view that scientific thinking has weakened the power of religion. [9]
- (b) 'Power within religious organisations is held mainly by men from privileged backgrounds.' Assess this view. [16]
- 8 (a) Explain why falling church attendances may not indicate a decline in religiosity. [9]
- (b) 'Religion no longer has any important functions in society.' Assess this view. [16]

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