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**SOCIOLOGY**

**2251/22**

Paper 2

**October/November 2012**

**1 hour 45 minutes**

Candidates answer on the Question Paper.

No Additional Materials are required.

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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: Family**

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1 In modern industrial societies there are many households where two people cohabit without being married.

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

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(b) Describe **two** types of household unit that are not based on cohabitation.

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2 Relationships between parents and children have changed over the years. In modern industrial societies families have become more child-centred.

(a) What is meant by the term *child-centred*?

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(b) Describe **two** ways in which the roles of children have changed in recent years.

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Section B: Education

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3 In many modern industrial societies pupils are allowed to finish their education at the age of 16. However, an increasing number choose to remain in post-compulsory education.

(a) What is meant by the term *post-compulsory education*?

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(b) Describe **two** types of post-compulsory education.

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(d) Assess the view that middle class children benefit most from the availability of post-compulsory education.

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4 Sociologists argue that there is a strong relationship between education and upward social mobility.

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

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(b) Describe **two** ways in which a person can achieve upward social mobility through education.

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**Section C: Crime, Deviance and Social Control**

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5 Some sociologists argue that the existence of youth sub-cultures is a major influence on crime in modern industrial societies.

(a) What is meant by the term *sub-culture*?

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(b) Describe **two** examples of youth sub-cultures.

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6 Official crime statistics show that women commit less crime than men. However, in recent years the crime rates for women have increased.

(a) What is meant by the term *crime rates*?

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(b) Describe **two** crimes which are usually associated with women.

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(d) Assess some of the reasons why women today are committing more crime than in the past.

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**Section D: The Mass Media**

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7 In dictatorships the mass media are seen as a way of brainwashing people through the use of propaganda and mass culture.

(a) What is meant by the term *mass culture*?

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(b) Describe **two** examples of propaganda in the mass media.

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(d) How far is it important that the mass media should be free from censorship in democratic societies?

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8 The hypodermic-syringe model suggests that the mass media have a direct effect on audiences.

(a) What is meant by the term *hypodermic-syringe model*?

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(b) Describe **two** other models of how the mass media influence audiences.

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