
SOCIOLOGY

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Paper 1 The Family

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1 hour 30 minutes

No Additional Materials are required.

READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS FIRST

An answer booklet is provided inside this 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 Question 1 and **either** Question 2 **or** Question 3.

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



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Section A

Answer question 1.

- 1 Gershuny argues that as more women are working full time in modern industrial societies, relationships within the home are becoming egalitarian. He explains that this trend towards greater equality has come about due to changes in society's values and ideas about parenting. With mothers in paid employment and fathers undertaking more domestic chores, the experience of family life is changing for its members and children are raised in a more tolerant atmosphere.

Feminist sociologists Ferri and Smith argue that in spite of women undertaking more paid employment there is little evidence that a *new man* is emerging. They claim that women now undertake both paid employment and also continue to carry out the majority of unpaid domestic work. When men do undertake household tasks they tend to spend less time on these tasks than their female partners do. Therefore, Ferri and Smith conclude that inequality in conjugal roles remains a feature of modern industrial societies.

- (a) What is meant by the term *new man*? [2]
- (b) Describe **two** changes in ideas about parenting. [4]
- (c) Explain how the roles of children can vary between families. [8]
- (d) Assess the view that inequality in conjugal roles remains a feature of modern industrial societies. [11]

Section B

Answer **either** question 2 or question 3.

- 2 Explain and assess the factors shaping the structure of the family in modern industrial societies. [25]
- 3 'Elderly people have a low status in the family in all societies'. Explain and assess this view. [25]

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