Cambridge International AS & A Level

SOCIOLOGY

Paper 2 The Family

SPECIMEN PAPER

For examination from 2021

1 hour 30 minutes

You must answer on the enclosed answer booklet.

You will need: Answer booklet (enclosed)

INSTRUCTIONS

● Answer four questions in total:
  Section A: answer all questions.
  Section B: answer either Question 4 or Question 5.
● Follow the instructions on the front cover of the answer booklet. If you need additional answer paper, ask the invigilator for a continuation booklet.

INFORMATION

● The total mark for this paper is 60.
● The number of marks for each question or part question is shown in brackets [ ].

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Section A

Answer all questions in this section.

1 Describe two functions of the family.

2 (a) Explain two ways in which the family supports capitalism, according to Marxist theory.
(b) Explain two limitations of the Marxist view of the family.

3 ‘Family diversity is positive for society.’
(a) Explain this view.
(b) Using sociological material, give one argument against this view.

Section B

Answer one question in this section.

EITHER

4 Evaluate the view that the nuclear family is universal.

OR

5 Evaluate the contribution of different feminist perspectives to our understanding of the family.