

Cambridge O Level

SOCIOLOGY**2251/22**

Paper 2 Family, Education and Crime

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You must answer on the enclosed answer booklet.

You will need: Answer booklet (enclosed)

INSTRUCTIONS

- Answer **two** questions.
- 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 80.
- The number of marks for each question or part question is shown in brackets [].

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Answer **two** questions.

Family

1 (a) Define the term:

(i) civil partnership [2]

(ii) dual worker family. [2]

(b) State **two** reasons why some people get divorced. [2]

(c) Describe **three** reasons why some cultures have arranged marriages. [6]

(d) Explain **three** ways the family has lost its functions. [6]

(e) Discuss the view that families are **not** symmetrical.

Your answer should include:

- at least **three** developed points with evidence. [8]

(f) Evaluate the view that lone-parent families are the best type of family.

Your answer should include:

- at least **three** arguments for and **three** arguments against
- a conclusion. [14]

Education

2 (a) Define the term:

(i) socialisation [2]

(ii) meritocracy. [2]

(b) State **two** global differences in schooling. [2]

(c) Describe **three** reasons why students join pro-school sub-cultures. [6]

(d) Explain **three** Marxist views of education. [6]

(e) Discuss how single-sex schools benefit students.

Your answer should include:

- at least **three** developed points with evidence. [8]

(f) Evaluate the view that ethnicity is the most important factor in explaining differences in educational achievement.

Your answer should include:

- at least **three** arguments for and **three** arguments against
- a conclusion. [14]

Crime, deviance and social control

3 (a) Define the term:

(i) relative deprivation [2]

(ii) corporal punishment. [2]

(b) Give **two** examples of green crime. [2]

(c) Describe **three** features of a moral panic. [6]

(d) Explain **three** reasons why old people have low rates of criminality. [6]

(e) Discuss how formal agencies of social control can prevent crime.

Your answer should include:

- at least **three** developed points with evidence. [8]

(f) Evaluate the view that subculturalism is the best explanation for crime.

Your answer should include:

- at least **three** arguments for and **three** arguments against
- a conclusion. [14]

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