
SOCIOLOGY

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Paper 1 The Family

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1 hour 30 minutes

Additional Materials: Answer Booklet/Paper

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Answer Question 1 and **either** Question 2 **or** Question 3.

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Section A

Answer question 1.

- 1 Feminists argue that there continues to be inequality in the domestic division of labour and in the way in which power is exercised within families. Many women experience a *dual burden*. Feminists claim that family life remains patriarchal and there is little evidence to support the emergence of the 'new man'.

Families can frequently be warm and supportive for all their members, both socialising children and providing emotional support for adults. However, the family can also be a dangerous and stressful place for some of its members. Indeed, some sociologists have compared the family to an overloaded electric circuit that is ready to explode.

- (a) Define the term *dual burden*. [2]
- (b) Describe **two** characteristics of the 'new man'. [4]
- (c) Explain in what ways the family might be a dangerous and stressful place for some family members. [8]
- (d) Assess the view that family life continues to be patriarchal. [11]

Section B

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

- 2 Explain and assess the view that family structures have become increasingly similar due to industrialisation. [25]
- 3 'The status of the elderly is declining in most societies.' Explain and assess this view. [25]

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