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Paper 2 The Family

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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** reasons for the decline in the number of marriages in some societies. [4]
- 2 (a) Explain **two** ways the family supports ruling class interests, according to Marxist theory. [8]
(b) Explain **one** strength and **one** limitation of the Marxist view of the family. [6]
- 3 'Conjugal roles have become equal.'
(a) Explain this view. [10]
(b) Using sociological material, give **one** argument against this view. [6]

Section B

Answer **one** question in this section.

EITHER

- 4 Evaluate the view that the family has lost many of its functions. [26]

OR

- 5 Evaluate the view that in contemporary society the family has become child-centred. [26]

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