



# Cambridge O Level

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## SOCIOLOGY

2251/22

Paper 2 Family, Education and Crime

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1 hour 45 minutes

You must answer on the enclosed answer booklet.

You will need: Answer booklet (enclosed)

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### 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) empty-shell marriage [2]

(ii) gender role. [2]

(b) State **two** ways family life is changing. [2]

(c) Apart from the nuclear family, describe **three** types of family. [6]

(d) Explain **three** feminist criticisms of the nuclear family. [6]

(e) Discuss why many women choose to have children later in life.

Your answer should include:

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

(f) Evaluate the view that the family performs essential functions for its members.

Your answer should include:

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

## Education

- 2 (a)** Define the term:
- (i)** gendered curriculum [2]
  - (ii)** pro-school sub-culture. [2]
- (b)** State **two** linguistic factors that can affect educational experience. [2]
- (c)** Describe **three** features of the official curriculum. [6]
- (d)** Explain **three** ways education is meritocratic. [6]
- (e)** Discuss the limitations of the Marxist view of education.
- Your answer should include:
- at least **three** developed points with evidence. [8]
- (f)** Evaluate the view that material factors have the most influence on 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) unrecorded crime [2]

(ii) expressive crime. [2]

(b) State **two** aims of punishment. [2]

(c) Describe **three** features of strain theory. [6]

(d) Explain **three** reasons why crimes are **not** always reported to the police. [6]

(e) Discuss the view that moral panics lead to crime.

Your answer should include:

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

(f) Evaluate the view that policing strategies are effective at preventing crime.

Your answer should include:

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

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