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You must answer on the enclosed answer booklet.

You will need: Answer booklet (enclosed)

INSTRUCTIONS

- Answer **all** 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 50.
- The number of marks for each question or part question is shown in brackets [].

This document has **4** pages. Any blank pages are indicated.

Answer **all** questions.

- 1 Describe **two** ways compensatory education has tried to help working-class children. [4]
- 2 Explain **two** reasons why ethnic background may affect educational attainment. [8]
- 3 'The main role of education in modern societies is to provide a labour force for capitalism.'
Using sociological material, give **two** arguments against this view. [12]
- 4 Evaluate the view that gender has little influence on educational attainment today. [26]

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