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Paper 2 Family, Education and Crime **May/June 2026**

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) marriage [2]

(ii) sandwich generation. [2]

(b) State **two** alternatives to the family. [2]

(c) Describe **three** reasons people may choose to live in a childless family. [6]

(d) Explain **three** ways industrialisation has changed the family. [6]

(e) Discuss how grandparents can have a negative impact on family life.

Your answer should include:

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

(f) Evaluate the functionalist view that the family is a 'warm bath' for its members.

Your answer should include:

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

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Education

2 **(a)** Define the term:

(i) social mobility [2]

(ii) ethnocentric curriculum. [2]

(b) Give **two** examples of hierarchy in schools. [2]

(c) Describe **three** reasons why some students do **not** conform to school rules. [6]

(d) Explain **three** reasons why online learning is effective. [6]

(e) Discuss how linguistic factors can negatively impact a student's experience of education.

Your answer should include:

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

(f) Evaluate the view that schools which select students based on ability are the best type of school.

Your answer should include:

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

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Crime, deviance and social control

3 **(a)** Define the term:

(i) relativity of crime [2]

(ii) prejudice. [2]

(b) State **two** ways the family can prevent an individual from committing crime. [2]

(c) Describe **three** ways surveillance prevents crime. [6]

(d) Explain **three** strengths of using self-report studies to measure crime. [6]

(e) Discuss reasons why domestic crimes are under-reported.

Your answer should include:

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

(f) Evaluate the view that labelling theory is the best explanation for crime and deviance.

Your answer should include:

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

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