

## A LEVEL SOCIOLOGY

### PAPER 3 DEBATES IN CONTEMPORARY SOCIETY

**Time allowed: 120 minutes, 80 marks**

- Answer **all** the questions in Section A.
- Choose **one** option in Section B and answer **all** the questions for that option.

#### Section A

Read the source material and answer **all** the questions in this section.

#### Source A

##### Who needs social media and mobile phones?

I just don't agree with those people who say that digital technology and social media create better relationships, keep us in touch with family and friends, and help us to be safer.

If they do promote better relationships, why do young people's conversations rarely go beyond a few sentences? What is the impact on a relationship when talking to someone else is interrupted by a call that 'cannot be missed'? Where is the real social interaction between people face-to-face? And what about cyber bullying and stalking? We are losing the ability to relate to one another properly.

- 1 Explain, using an example, the concept of social networks. **[4]**
- 2 Using Source A and your wider sociological knowledge, explain **two** arguments that support the view given in the text. **[8]**
- 3 Explain and evaluate the view that digital social communication has reduced social inequality. **[16]**

**Section A total: 28 marks**

## Section B

Choose **one** option from Section B and answer **all** the questions for that option.

### Option 1

#### Crime and deviance

- 4 Explain, using an example, the concept of white-collar crime. **[4]**
- 5 Explain, using examples, **two** ways in which deviance is socially constructed. **[8]**
- 6 Explain and evaluate the view that police recorded crime figures are useful in measuring patterns and trends in crime. **[16]**
- 7 Discuss Marxist explanations of crime and deviance. **[24]**

### Option 2

#### Education

- 8 Explain, using an example, the concept of the hidden curriculum. **[4]**
- 9 Explain, using examples, **two** ways in which cultural factors contribute to social class inequality in education. **[8]**
- 10 Explain and evaluate the view that attempts to reduce ethnic inequality in education have been successful. **[16]**
- 11 Discuss feminist explanations of gender inequality in education. **[24]**

### Option 3

#### Religion, belief and faith

- 12 Explain, using an example, the concept of secularisation. **[4]**
- 13 Explain, using examples, **two** ways in which social class influences religion in society. **[8]**
- 14 Explain and evaluate the view that measures of religious practice provide an accurate representation of religious belief. **[16]**
- 15 Discuss the view that religion causes change in society. **[24]**

**Section B total: 52 marks**

**Paper total: 80 marks**