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**Paper 2: Understanding family units**

**Sample paper**

(1 hour 30 minutes)

It is necessary to respond on the answer sheet provided alongside this question paper. Additionally, you must have a dark blue or black pen.

**INSTRUCTIONS:**

- You must write your name, candidate number, centre name and centre number on the answer sheet in the designated space.
- This paper consists of 2 sections; answer all questions in section A, answer only one question in section B.
- It is suggested that you spend no longer than 60 minutes on section A.
- You should spend at least 30 minutes on section B.
- It is important to follow the instructions provided on the answer sheet.
- Do not use correction fluid.
- Avoid writing on any bar codes.

**INFORMATION:**

- The total mark for this paper is 60.
- The number of marks for each question or part question is shown in brackets [ ]

## SECTION A:

Answer **ALL** questions in this section.

1. Distinguish between a family and a household. [4 marks]
2. (a) Describe what is meant by the 'symmetrical family'. [6 marks]  
(b) What is the evidence for and against the symmetrical family? [8 marks]
3. (a) Why have some sociologists proposed that family diversity is a positive development? [10 marks]  
(b) Describe one sociological objection to this view. [6 marks]
4. Outline two reasons for the increase in divorce in the UK since 1969 [6 marks]

## Section B:

Answer **ONE** question **ONLY** from this section.

5. Evaluate Marxist theory on the relationship between the family and capitalism. [20 marks]
6. Has the 'golden age of innocence' of the social construction of childhood reached its end? [20 marks]