

Section A

Answer Question 1.

- 1 The feminist view on the family focuses on conflict between family members. Feminists argue that women are exploited through traditional gender roles in the family which benefit men. For feminists, the links between the family and the economy are generally indirect, whereas for Marxists the family serves the capitalist economy directly by, for example, reproducing the workforce.

Although there are different versions of feminist theory, such as liberal and radical feminism, all feminists agree that the family is patriarchal, with men exercising power over women. Feminists also argue that it is increasingly common for women in the family to experience a *dual burden*.

- (a) Define the term *dual burden*. [2]
- (b) Describe **two** ways in which traditional gender roles in the family benefit men. [4]
- (c) Explain the liberal feminist and the radical feminist views of the family. [8]
- (d) Assess the Marxist view that the family serves the needs of capitalism. [11]

Section B

Answer **either** Question 2 **or** Question 3.

- 2 Explain and assess the view that the extent of family diversity in modern industrial societies has been exaggerated. [25]
- 3 'The elderly always have lower status than other age groups.' Explain and assess this view. [25]

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