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Paper 3: Education and its societal roles

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. Outline the subject, methods and findings of the Sutton Trust / Francis, Hutchings and Kirkby (2014).
[4 marks]
2. Identify one possible benefit and one possible drawback of conducting group interviews with groups of students.
[4 marks]
3. (a) Pierre Bourdieu (1984) explained the differential in achievement between working- and middle-class students as an outcome of (among other things) cultural capital. Explain what is meant by the term, illustrating your response with at least two examples of cultural capital.
[8 marks]
(b) A key debate among sociologists investigating the differential is the relevance of other external and internal factors. With reference to specific research examples, explain what is these other “external and internal factors” are.
[8 marks]
4. (a) Explain what Marxist theory means by a ‘hidden curriculum’. [8 marks]
(b) How have three other perspectives evaluated the Marxist approach to education.
[8 marks]

Section B:

Answer ONE question ONLY in this section.

5. Evaluate the suggestion that gender is a key factor in educational achievement.
[20 marks]
6. Where does neo-liberalism agree with and what does it add to functionalist perspectives on education?
[20 marks]