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SUBJECT:	SOCIOLOGY
DATE:	31 st May 2017
TIME:	9:00 a.m. to 12:05 p.m.

Answer **question 1 (compulsory)** and any other **TWO** questions. Questions carry equal marks.

Compulsory question.

1. (a) State how you would classify the following **TWO** forms of culture, and briefly describe why.
(i) opera; (ii) carnival. (10)
- (b) Describe briefly what happens during the process of socialisation and say why sociologists believe it is important. (12)
- (c) List **FOUR** factors which may influence an individual's personal or social identity. (4)
- (d) In what ways does the 'tourist gaze' involve a particular way of seeing a particular culture? (7)

(Total: 33 marks)

Answer TWO of the following questions.

2. In what ways might the family unit contribute to maintaining stability in society? Refer to functionalist theory in your answer. (33)
3. Does a decrease in weekly church attendance mean that religion has become less important in contemporary society? Refer to the sociological debate on secularisation in your answer. (33)
4. With reference to conflict theory, discuss the power of the media to influence the public. (33)
5. Describe the concept of relative poverty and discuss how it helps us understand material and social deprivation. (33)