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Paper 1 Education with Theory and Methods

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EDUCATION

Answer ALL questions.

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Outline TWO ways in which schools may promote competition between pupils. [4 marks]



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Read ITEM A below and answer the question that follows.

ITEM A

Teachers may label and treat some groups of pupils differently from others. Schools and staff will have views about appropriate pupil behaviour and attitudes to school.

Relationships and processes within schools may lead to anti-school subcultures.

Applying material from ITEM A, analyse TWO ways in which relationships and processes within schools may lead to anti-school subcultures. [10 marks]



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Read ITEM B below and answer the question that follows.

ITEM B

Since the introduction of marketisation policies to education, over 30 years ago, competition has grown between increasingly diverse types of schools. New Right theorists argue that every parent is free to choose the best school for their child. They also claim that this efficiently drives up standards and ensures that schools are responsive to the needs of parents and pupils.

However, some sociologists argue that there are limits to these choices. They also argue that marketisation policies may reinforce existing inequalities in educational achievement.

Applying material from ITEM B and your knowledge, evaluate the view that marketisation policies have increased diversity and choice in the education system. [30 marks]





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METHODS IN CONTEXT**05**

Read ITEM C below and answer the question that follows.

ITEM C

Investigating the reasons for subject choices made by pupils

As well as compulsory subjects at school, pupils can often choose optional ones. Pupils may choose different subjects for a variety of reasons. They may have a personal interest or talent in a subject or act on the basis of advice given by parents, professionals working within schools or others. However, there are patterns in subject choices linked to class, gender and ethnicity which could result from factors external to schools.

One way of studying differences in the subject choices made by pupils is to use group interviews. This type of interview can encourage deeper thought as participants can develop ideas put forward by other group members. However, participants may be influenced by peer pressure. Furthermore, some pupils, teachers and parents may find it difficult to find a time to meet as a group.



Applying material from ITEM C and your knowledge of research methods, evaluate the strengths and limitations of using group interviews to investigate the reasons for subject choices made by pupils. [20 marks]

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THEORY AND METHODS

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Outline and explain TWO reasons why official statistics should NOT be seen as social facts. [10 marks]

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