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SUBJECT:	**Sociology**
PAPER NUMBER:	I
DATE:	31st August 2026
TIME:	9:00 a.m. to 11:05 a.m.

Answer ALL FOUR questions. Each question carries 25 marks.

CORE THEMATIC AREA: CULTURE AND IDENTITY

1. What is 'resocialisation', and why is it more likely to occur in 'total institutions'?

2. In what ways, if at all, has globalization led to cultural homogenization?

3. What is the 'tourist gaze', and how does it shape one's experience of a different country?

4. Briefly discuss the ways in which social class is a relevant factor in the formation of contemporary identities.

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SUBJECT:	**Sociology**
PAPER NUMBER:	II
DATE:	1st September 2026
TIME:	9:00 a.m. to 11:05 a.m.

Answer any TWO of the following questions. Each question carries 50 marks.

THEMATIC AREA 1: FAMILY

1. In what ways, if at all, has the 'cereal packet' family been replaced by family diversity in contemporary society?

THEMATIC AREA 2: RELIGION

2. Discuss Marx's claim that religion acts as the 'opium of the people'.

THEMATIC AREA 3: GENDER AND SEXUALITY

3. Explain the processes involved in the formation of gender identities during childhood.

THEMATIC AREA 4: WELFARE AND SOCIAL POLICY

4. Discuss the **THREE** main types of welfare state as put forward by Gøsta Esping-Andersen.

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SUBJECT:	**Sociology**
PAPER NUMBER:	III
DATE:	2nd September 2026
TIME:	9:00 a.m. to 11:05 a.m.

Answer any TWO of the following questions. Each question carries 50 marks.

THEMATIC AREA 5: MEDIA AND COMMUNICATION

1. What are the cultural effects of 'media imperialism', and how might they be resisted?

THEMATIC AREA 6: CRIME AND DEVIANCE

2. Control theory suggests that criminality is a result of weakened social bonds. Discuss.

THEMATIC AREA 7: ENVIRONMENT

3. How does the concept of 'ecological citizenship' inform our understanding of rights and responsibilities towards the planet and future generations?

THEMATIC AREA 8: RACE, ETHNICITY, AND MIGRATION

4. Define and describe 'racism', using examples.

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