

MATRICULATION AND SECONDARY EDUCATION CERTIFICATE EXAMINATIONS  
BOARD

UNIVERSITY OF MALTA

INTERMEDIATE LEVEL SAMPLE PAPER SYLLABUS 2017

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SUBJECT : IM 35 SOCIOLOGY

DATE:

TIME: 3 hours

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**Answer QUESTION 1 (compulsory) and ANY OTHER TWO questions.**

**Answer THREE questions in total.**

**Questions carry equal marks.**

**Marks allocated to each component are indicated in brackets.**

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**QUESTION 1**

- a) Give a brief sociological definition of culture. (3)
- b) Discuss using examples, two of the following types: High Culture; Subculture; Mass Culture; Global Culture. (10)
- c) Using Symbolic Interactionism as a theoretical perspective, discuss how social life has an influence on personal identity. (10)
- d) What is the difference between primary and secondary socialization? (4)
- e) Briefly describe two social contexts where secondary socialization might take place (6)

**QUESTION 2**

Explain how media representations of class, gender, ethnicity and disability reinforce rather than challenge existing stereotypes.

**QUESTION 3**

Discuss whether the state should be the main provider of social welfare.

#### **QUESTION 4**

Nowadays more people are living in families which do not fit traditional patterns of family life. Comment on how the contemporary family has been reshaped.

#### **QUESTION 5**

Although people may choose to express their religiosity on an individual level, many choose to do so through an organisation. Distinguish between the different types of religious organisations one may belong to.