1.3 Feminist Perspectives in Sociology: 10-minute Pack

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Total Marks

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Answer ALL questions. Where a question refers to Item E, use both the Item and your own knowledge of feminist perspectives in your answer.

1 Feminist sociologists use the term 'patriarchy' to describe a key feature of society.

- ☐ A) A society structured to benefit men more than women
- ☐ B) A society with no social classes
- ☐ C) A society organised entirely around religious belief
- ☐ D) A society where only elected officials hold power

(Total for Question 1 is 1 mark)

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2 State one criticism that has been made of Marxist feminism.

(Total for Question 2 is 2 marks)

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3 For each statement below, state which strand of feminism (liberal, radical, Marxist or difference) it best reflects.

(a) Women's oppression is rooted in unpaid domestic labour that benefits a capitalist economy. **(1)**

(b) Mainstream feminist campaigns have often overlooked the different experiences of women of colour. **(1)**

(c) Equal pay legislation is an example of the kind of change needed to achieve gender equality. **(1)**

(Total for Question 3 is 3 marks)

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4 Explain one similarity shared by all the strands of feminism covered in this pack.

(Total for Question 4 is 2 marks)

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Question 1

A (a society structured to benefit men more than women) **B1**

Answer: A

Question 2

identifies a genuine criticism, e.g. critics argue Marxist feminism explains women's oppression mainly through capitalism, but patriarchy also existed in non-capitalist and pre-capitalist societies **B1**

brief development, e.g. so ending capitalism alone would not automatically end gender inequality **B1**

Answer: Critics argue Marxist feminism explains oppression mainly through capitalism, but patriarchy also existed in non-capitalist and pre-capitalist societies, so ending capitalism alone would not automatically end gender inequality.

Question 3

(a) marxist **B1**

(a) Answer: Marxist feminism

(b) difference **B1**

(b) Answer: Difference feminism

(c) liberal **B1**

(c) Answer: Liberal feminism

Question 4

identifies a genuine shared feature, e.g. all strands agree that gender inequality exists and is a socially produced pattern rather than a natural or inevitable one **B1**

development, e.g. they disagree mainly on the cause of that inequality and on what kind of change is needed to address it **B1**

Answer: All the strands of feminism agree that gender inequality is a real, socially produced pattern rather than natural or inevitable; they disagree mainly on its cause and on what kind of change is needed to address it.

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