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EXAMINATION FOR ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES 2
SEMESTER I: 2012-2013
SC2205 - SOCIOLOGY OF FAMILY
SOCIOLOGY
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INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

1. This examination paper contains **TWO** sections: Section A and Section B, and comprises **TWO** pages.
2. **Questions 1 and 2 in Section A are compulsory questions.**
3. Answer any **ONE** question from **Section B**.
4. You must answer a total of **THREE** questions.
5. This is a **CLOSED BOOK** examination.

SECTION A: COMPULSORY QUESTIONS (35% each)

1. In her article “Does marriage matter”, Waite (1995) presented benefits of marriage and gender differences in such benefits. (a) Critically discuss why married people do better than unmarried people regarding health, assets and wealth accumulation, and labour income. (b) Explain why men and women benefit differently from marriage. In your answer, critically apply West and Zimmerman (1987)’s concept of “doing gender.”
2. Discuss how and why women’s increased educational attainment and labour force participation are related to decline in marriage rates in modern industrialized societies. In your answer, critically compare new home economics framework and job-search theory of marriage market.

SECTION B: CHOOSE ONE QUESTION (30%)

3. Discuss three main mechanisms of intergenerational transfers. In your informed opinion, which mechanism describes the practices of filial piety in contemporary Singaporean society the best? Explain why.
4. Define the ideology of “separate spheres.” Based on Lopata (1993)’s article “The interweave of public and private”, critically discuss functions and consequences of this ideology in patriarchal capitalist society.
5. Based on Hochschild (1997)’s book *The Time Bind*, discuss how and why capitalism as the new cultural system influences changes in meanings of home and work.

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