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INSTRUCTIONS:

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QUESTION ONE

As industrial societies change, so do their welfare institutions and such changes have also influenced the trajectory of social policies for the twenty-first century. Identifying the family as one of the welfare institutions, to what extent has its role in the provision of social welfare changed over time and how have these changes influenced social policy?

QUESTION TWO

Mass media is an important influence not only on our knowledge of social issues, but also on the way in which social issues are framed, judged and dealt with.

- a) Identify two social problems in society, illustrate the extent to which mass media has influenced our knowledge about them and
- b) How has it influenced the way they have been framed, judged and dealt with in society

QUESTION THREE

The Neo-liberal paradigm is believed to seriously affect an absolute majority of contemporary reforms in most countries as neo-liberal economic policies are adopted and implemented by governments. Identify some of the reforms in relation to market forces on health and social welfare. Use examples to support your answer.

QUESTION FOUR

Identify and discuss some of the significant social changes affecting childhood in the twenty-first century and how have these changes influenced policy.

QUESTION FIVE

Social policies in relation to the provision of social welfare has been critiqued for having exacerbated the problems they were meant to solve and arguably led to the creation of a permanent, poor 'underclass'. Discuss.

QUESTION SIX

Identify and discuss in detail the different stages of the policy making process.