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Paper 1 Principles and Methods 1

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**1 hour 30 minutes**

Additional Materials: Answer Booklet/Paper

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**READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS FIRST**

If you have been given an Answer Booklet, follow the instructions on the front cover of the Booklet.

Write your Centre number, candidate number and name on all the work you hand in.

Write in dark blue or black pen.

Do not use staples, paper clips, highlighters, glue or correction fluid.

There are three sections in this paper: Section A, Section B and Section C. Choose **two** of these sections and answer **one** question from **each** of the sections you have chosen.

You may use a soft pencil for any diagrams, graphs or rough working.

At the end of the examination, fasten all your work securely together.

The number of marks is given in brackets [ ] at the end of each question or part question.

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This document consists of **2** printed pages.



Answer **two** questions, each from a different section.

### Section A: The Sociological Perspective

- 1 “The functionalist concept of value consensus is the key to understanding how social order is achieved.” Explain and assess this view. [25]
- 2 “It is inappropriate to use a scientific approach when studying human behaviour because, unlike the objects that scientists study, humans have consciousness and free will.” Explain and assess this view. [25]

### Section B: Sociological Methods

- 3 Assess the strengths and limitations of *covert* participant observation. [25]
- 4 “The sociologist’s theoretical perspective is the most important factor influencing the choice of research method.” Explain and assess this view. [25]

### Section C: Social Differentiation and Stratification

- 5 “Weber’s writings on stratification overcome many of the weaknesses in Marx’s theory of social class.” Explain and assess this view. [25]
- 6 “The poor are trapped within a culture of poverty that is passed on through different generations of the family.” Explain and assess this claim. [25]

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