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Paper 1 Principles and Methods 1

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**1 hour 30 minutes**

Additional Materials: Answer Booklet/Paper



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

### **Section A: The Sociological Perspective**

- 1 “The functionalist theory of socialisation has many limitations and few strengths.” Explain and assess this view. [25]
- 2 “In modern industrial societies individuals are free to choose their own social identities.” Explain and assess this view. [25]

### **Section B: Sociological Methods**

- 3 “The data collected by sociologists using questionnaires is very limited by comparison with the evidence generated by participant observation studies.” Explain and assess this view. [25]
- 4 “Practical factors are the main influence on the sociologist’s choice of research method.” Explain and assess this view. [25]

### **Section C: Social Differentiation and Stratification**

- 5 “Sociological explanations of gender inequality are too deterministic and fail to take into account the contrasting experiences of different groups of females.” Explain and assess this view. [25]
- 6 “Class divisions are disappearing in modern industrial societies.” Explain and assess this claim. [25]

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