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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.

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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.

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

Section A: The Sociological Perspective

- 1 “Some theories of socialisation are too deterministic to be useful in understanding how people learn to be effective members of society.” Explain and assess this view. [25]
- 2 “There is much in Weber’s sociological writings that remains useful in understanding societies today.” Explain and assess this view. [25]

Section B: Sociological Methods

- 3 “A value-free sociology is impossible to achieve and would be undesirable anyway.” Explain and assess this view. [25]
- 4 “Structured interviews have more strengths and fewer limitations than other types of interview used in sociological research.” Explain and assess this view. [25]

Section C: Social Differentiation and Stratification

- 5 “The concept of patriarchy has little value in understanding the life chances of females today.” Explain and assess this claim. [25]
- 6 “Marxist explanations of ethnic inequality have many limitations and few strengths.” Explain and assess this claim. [25]

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