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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 'Social reality is created through the interactions between individuals. There are no structural forces shaping human behaviour.' Explain and assess this view. [25]
- 2 'Marxist theories fail to explain the complex nature of modern industrial societies today.' Explain and assess this view. [25]

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

- 3 'The extent to which participant observation studies produce data that is high in validity has been exaggerated.' Explain and assess this view. [25]
- 4 'Research findings in sociology will always be influenced by the values of the researcher.' Explain and assess this view. [25]

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

- 5 'The extent of social mobility in modern industrial societies has been exaggerated.' Explain and assess this view. [25]
- 6 'Patriarchy is the main factor explaining why women fill so few of the top jobs in industry and the professions.' Explain and assess this view. [25]

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