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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.

Write in dark blue or black pen.

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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.

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

- 1 'Functionalist theories of socialisation fail to reflect the complex nature of social interaction.' Explain and assess this view. [25]
- 2 'The degree to which there are similarities between sociology and the natural sciences has been exaggerated.' Explain and assess this view. [25]

### Section B

- 3 'Data derived from the use of quantitative research methods is low in validity and therefore has little value in sociological research.' Explain and assess this view. [25]
- 4 'The depth of understanding achieved using unstructured interviews more than outweighs the practical limitations of this research method.' Explain and assess this view. [25]

### Section C

- 5 'Differences in income and wealth benefit only the rich and powerful groups in society.' Explain and assess this view. [25]
- 6 'There is no longer inequality between males and females in modern industrial societies.' Explain and assess this view. [25]

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