

**ADVANCED GCE UNIT
SOCIOLOGY**

Applied Sociological Research Skills

WEDNESDAY 27 JUNE 2007

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Morning

Time: 1 hour 30 minutes

Additional materials: Answer Booklet (16 pages)



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INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

- Write your name, Centre number and candidate number in the spaces provided on the answer book.
- Answer **all** parts of the question.
- Read the whole question paper carefully to make sure you know what you have to do before starting your answer.

INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

- The number of marks is given in brackets [] at the end of each part question.
- The total number of marks for this paper is **60**.
- You will be awarded marks for the quality of written communication where an answer requires a piece of extended writing.

This document consists of **4** printed pages.

Answer all parts (a) to (e). You are advised to spend approximately 30 minutes on parts (a)–(c), and one hour on parts (d) and (e).

Study Item A carefully, then answer parts (a), (b) and (c).

ITEM A

The UK Coalition on.....

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Details:

An extract from St Mungos Big survey into the lives and problems of homeless people

.....of the general population.

Estimates of the numbers of people over 50 who are homeless, although not registered as such, by type of accommodation in the UK – 2003

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Details:

A table adapted from Coming of Age, Jenny Pannell, UK Coalition on Older Homelessness, 2004

Source: UK Coalition on Older Homelessness

- (a) Using only Item A , identify two problems of gaining access to older homeless people. [6]
- (b) Identify and explain one strength and one weakness of collecting qualitative data on the experiences of young people who have run away from home. [8]
- (c) Summarise the findings of the research in Item A . [10]

Study **Item B** carefully and then answer parts (d) and (e).

ITEM B

A charity that supports the homeless, wants to ensure it does all it can to provide food, shelter, healthcare and any other services the homeless need.

The charity would like you to design a research proposal that will target an appropriate sample of homeless people in your nearest large town or city. The aim is to find out what the needs of the homeless are in that town or city. You have been asked as a sociological researcher, to design a research proposal that will target an appropriate sample of homeless people. You are required to collect **quantitative** data.

- (d) Outline and explain the research process that you would adopt in collecting **quantitative** data to find out the needs of the homeless in your nearest town or city. [14]
- (e) Assess the potential weaknesses of your research proposal, briefly explaining how you intend to overcome them. [22]

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