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**SOCIOLOGY**

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Paper 1 Principles and Methods 1

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**1 hour 30 minutes**

Additional Materials: Answer Booklet/Paper

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**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 “Marxist theory no longer has any relevance for understanding modern industrial societies.” Explain and assess this claim. [25]
- 2 “The social identities associated with childhood vary historically and are influenced by factors such as social class and ethnicity.” Explain and assess this view. [25]

### Section B: Sociological Methods

- 3 Assess the strengths and limitations of using official statistics in sociological research. [25]
- 4 “The quality of the evidence produced by longitudinal studies more than compensates for the practical difficulties involved in carrying out this type of research.” Explain and assess this view. [25]

### Section C: Social Differentiation and Stratification

- 5 “There are no longer any clear divisions between the working class and the middle class in modern industrial societies.” Explain and assess this view. [25]
- 6 “The inequality experienced by many ethnic minority groups is caused by racial prejudice.” Explain and assess this claim. [25]

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