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B673

SOCIOLOGY

Applying Sociological Research Techniques

TUESDAY 29 JUNE 2010: Morning

DURATION: 1 hour

SUITABLE FOR VISUALLY IMPAIRED CANDIDATES

Candidates answer on the Question Paper

OCR SUPPLIED MATERIALS:

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OTHER MATERIALS REQUIRED:

None

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INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

- Write your name clearly in capital letters, your Centre Number and Candidate Number in the boxes on the first page.
- Use black ink. Pencil may be used for graphs and diagrams only.
- Read each question carefully and make sure that you know what you have to do before starting your answer.
- Answer **ALL** the questions in sections A, B and C.
- Write your answer to each question in the space provided. If additional space is required, you should use the lined pages at the end of this booklet. The question number(s) must be clearly shown.

INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

- The number of marks is given in brackets [] at the end of each question or part question.
- The total number of marks for this paper is **60**.
- You may use the lined pages at the back of this booklet for your answers if you need to do so. You must make sure that any answer(s) on these sheets is clearly labelled with the appropriate question number(s).
- You will be awarded marks in question 13 for the quality of written communication of your answer.

SECTION A:

USING INVESTIGATION 1 AND YOUR SOCIOLOGICAL KNOWLEDGE, ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS.

Answer ALL questions.

1 Identify ONE aim of Investigation 1.

[1]

2 (a) Describe what is meant by the term ‘hypothesis’.

[2]

(b) Identify ONE possible hypothesis the researcher could have used to study primary socialisation in Investigation 1.

[2]

3 Identify and explain TWO possible advantages of making the interview type in Investigation 1 'semi-structured'.

1 _____

2 _____

_____ **[4]**

4 Describe what is meant by the term 'interviewer bias'.

_____ **[2]**

5 (a) Identify and explain TWO possible disadvantages of the secondary sources used in Investigation 1.

1 _____

2 _____

_____ **[4]**

(b) Identify and explain TWO advantages of the use of secondary sources in Investigation 1.

1 _____

2 _____

_____ **[4]**

6 Using the interview (lines 61–115) in Investigation 1:

Evaluate whether the aims of the investigation have been met.

[6]

Section A Total [25]

SECTION B:

USING INVESTIGATION 2 AND YOUR SOCIOLOGICAL KNOWLEDGE, ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS.

Answer ALL questions.

7 Identify the hypothesis in Investigation 2.

[1]

8 Using lines 5–27, identify a third POSSIBLE aim for Investigation 2.

[2]

9 (a) Describe what is meant by the term ‘pilot study’.

[2]

(b) Identify and describe TWO weaknesses with the design of the questionnaire (pages 14–15) in Investigation 2.

1 _____

2 _____

[4]

10 (a) Describe what is meant by the term ‘non-official statistics’.

[2]

(b) Using Evidence 1 on page 16, identify the percentage of young drivers who admit driving under the influence of illegal drugs.

[1]

(c) Using Evidence 2 on page 17, identify the number of 17 year old male drivers killed or seriously injured in 2004 in Great Britain.

[1]

12 Using the secondary data in Investigation 2, on pages 16–17:

(a) explain ONE reason why the statistical data may not be accurate;

[2]

(b) evaluate whether the secondary data tests if males are socialised more than females into risk-taking and thrill seeking behaviour.

[4]

Section B Total [23]

SECTION C:

**USING BOTH INVESTIGATION 1 AND INVESTIGATION 2
AND YOUR SOCIOLOGICAL KNOWLEDGE, ANSWER THE
FOLLOWING QUESTION.**

Answer THIS question.

13 Using BOTH of the investigations and your sociological knowledge, evaluate to what extent the sampling used was successful for the investigations. You could focus on the following:

- the aims**
- sample size**
- sampling types**
- sample composition**
- pilot study**

If you use the following lined pages to complete the answers to any question, the question number must be clearly shown,

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