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GCSE

B673/01

SOCIOLOGY

**Applying Sociological
Research Techniques**

MONDAY 11 MAY 2015: Afternoon

**DURATION: 1 hour
plus your additional time allowance**

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Candidates answer on the Question Paper.

OCR SUPPLIED MATERIALS:

Pre-release material

OTHER MATERIALS REQUIRED:

None

READ INSTRUCTIONS OVERLEAF

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

The Insert (pre-release material) will be found inside this document.

Write your name, centre number and candidate number in the boxes on the first page. Please write clearly and in capital letters.

Use black ink. HB pencil may be used for graphs and diagrams only.

Answer ALL the questions in sections A, B and C.

Read each question carefully. Make sure you know what you have to do before starting your answer.

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 will be awarded marks in question 13 for the quality of your written communication in your answer.

Any blank pages are indicated.

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SECTION A

Using INVESTIGATION 1 and your sociological knowledge, answer the following questions.

Answer ALL questions.

When Investigation 1 is referred to in the question, you must use it in your answer.

1 Identify ONE aim used for Investigation 1.

_____ [1]

2 Identify the TWO primary methods used by the researcher in Investigation 1.

1 _____
2 _____
_____ [2]

3 Describe what is meant by the term 'pilot study'.

_____ [2]

4 Use the data from Method 2 (pages 7–8, lines 65–103).

(a) Identify and explain ONE way the views of Person A and Person B AGREE with each other in Investigation 1.

[2]

(b) Identify and explain ONE way the views of Person A and Person B (pages 7–8 lines 69–103) DISAGREE with each other in Investigation 1.

[2]

- 5 (a) Describe what is meant by the term ‘secondary sources’.**

[2]

- (b) Use Source 1 (page 9 lines 107–115) in Investigation 1.**

Identify the % (percentage) of prisoners who re-offended within 12 months after the end of their prison sentence of less than 1 year.

[1]

- (c) Use Source 1 (page 9 lines 107–115) in Investigation 1.**

Identify and describe ONE conclusion which could be made from Source 1.

Use the data to support your answer.

[2]

(d) Identify and explain TWO disadvantages of using Source 1 to study the re-offending of prisoners in Investigation 1.

1 _____

2 _____

[4]

- 6 (a) Identify the primary method used by the TV documentary makers in Source 2 (pages 9–11, lines 116–177).**

_____ [1]

- (b) Evaluate how useful Source 2 (pages 9–11, lines 116–177) is for researching prisons in Investigation 1.**

_____ [6]

SECTION B

When Investigation 2 is referred to in the question, you must use it in your answer.

Using INVESTIGATION 2 and your sociological knowledge, answer the following questions.

Answer ALL questions.

- 7 Identify ONE reason why the researcher thought he was the right person to do this research in Investigation 2.

[1]

- 8 Identify ONE hypothesis the researcher could have used for Investigation 2.

[2]

9 Describe what is meant by the term ‘valid data’.

[2]

10 (a) Describe what is meant by the term ‘observation schedule’.

[2]

(b) Identify the type of participant observation used in Source 3 (page 14, lines 204–223) in Investigation 2.

[1]

(c) Identify the type of participant observation used by James Patrick in Source 4 (pages 15–16, lines 224–283) in Investigation 2.

[1]

11 (a) Identify and explain TWO advantages of using participant observation to study gangs in Investigation 2.

1

2

[4]

(b) Identify and explain TWO disadvantages of using participant observation to study gangs in Investigation 2.

1 _____

2 _____

[4]

12 Identify and explain THREE ways interviews could be useful for studying gang behaviour in Investigation 2.

1 _____

2 _____

3 _____

[6]

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 investigating criminals.

You COULD focus on the following:

- the sample size**
- the sample composition**
- the sample type**

[12]

[illegible]

END OF QUESTION PAPER

ADDITIONAL ANSWER SPACE

If additional answer space is required, you should use the following lined page(s). The question number(s) must be clearly shown in the margins.

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