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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 “It is impossible to explain how social order is maintained without understanding the role of ideology.” Explain and assess this claim. [25]
- 2 Assess sociological attempts to explain why the social identities of young people may differ from those of older age groups. [25]

### **Section B: Sociological Methods**

- 3 Assess the strengths and limitations of quantitative research methods. [25]
- 4 Assess the arguments for using non-participant observation rather than participant observation in sociological research. [25]

### **Section C: Social Differentiation and Stratification**

- 5 “Gender socialisation is the main factor explaining why males earn more than females in modern industrial societies.” Explain and assess this view. [25]
- 6 “The working class that Marx wrote about no longer exists in modern industrial societies.” Explain and assess this claim. [25]

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