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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 “Socialisation is the most significant factor in shaping human behaviour.” Explain and assess this view. [25]
- 2 “In order to understand the factors that shape human behaviour, sociologists should base their research on the methods of the natural sciences.” Explain and assess this view. [25]

### Section B: Sociological Methods

- 3 “Sociological studies can and should be value free.” Explain and assess this view. [25]
- 4 Assess the strengths **and** limitations of the different types of interview that are used in sociological research. [25]

### Section C: Social Differentiation and Stratification

- 5 “Social barriers exist that make it very difficult for people in poverty to move up the social ladder.” Explain and assess this view. [25]
- 6 “Feminist theories provide the best explanations of why females continue to experience inequality in employment.” Explain and assess this claim. [25]

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