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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 “Society acts as an external force that constrains and shapes our behaviour.” Explain and assess this claim. [25]
- 2 “Sociological research can and should be based on the methods that are used in the natural sciences.” Explain and assess this view. [25]

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

- 3 “No matter what research methods are used, all sociological studies will be affected by the values of the researcher.” Explain and assess this claim. [25]
- 4 “Studies based on participant observation are too subjective to be of use in sociological research.” Explain and assess this claim. [25]

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

- 5 “Marx’s theory of class is no longer relevant for understanding social stratification in modern industrial societies.” Explain and assess this view. [25]
- 6 “The key to explaining sexual inequality is the concept of patriarchy.” Explain and assess this claim. [25]

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