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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 'The extent to which the individual is free to choose their own social identities has been underestimated in the main theories of socialisation.' Explain and assess this view. [25]
- 2 'Sociological research can never be as objective as positivists claim'. Explain and assess this view. [25]

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

- 3 'Structured interviews have little value in sociological research because they allow only a narrow range of questions to be asked'. Explain and assess this view. [25]
- 4 'Covert participant observation produces a deeper understanding of group behaviour than can be achieved using overt participant observation'. Explain and assess this view. [25]

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

- 5 'The working class would appear to have been replaced by the middle class in modern industrial societies'. Explain and assess this view. [25]
- 6 'Cultural explanations of ethnic inequality have many limitations and few strengths'. Explain and assess this view. [25]

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