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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 only through the process of socialisation that we learn to behave in ways that are ‘human’.” Explain and assess this claim. [25]
- 2 “The study of society is influenced by values and this is one reason why sociology can never be a science.” Explain and assess this view. [25]

### Section B: Sociological Methods

- 3 “Unstructured interviews have little value in sociological research, mainly because they are too subjective and create practical problems for the interviewer.” Explain and assess this claim. [25]
- 4 “On balance, the benefits of using official statistics in sociological research outweigh the limitations.” Explain and assess this view. [25]

### Section C: Social Differentiation and Stratification

- 5 “Social class background is no longer a barrier to achieving upward social mobility.” Explain and assess this view. [25]
- 6 “The causes of poverty in modern industrial societies are very different to the causes of poverty in developing societies.” Explain and assess this claim. [25]

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