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MARK SCHEME
MAXIMUM MARK : 30
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SOCIOLOGY



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1. TARGET: SKILLS OBJ. 3 - INTERPRETATION OF EVIDENCE

- 1. (i) 2000 Million 1 mark
- (ii) Buddhism 1 mark

TOTAL: 2 MARKS

2. TARGET: SKILLS OBJ. 6 - SOCIOLOGICAL METHODS AND RESEARCH STRATEGIES

LEVEL 1 - the candidate simply describes a case study as research into a particular example 1 mark

LEVEL 2 - the candidate accurately describes a case study as research into a particular example to learn about other members of the research population 2 marks

TOTAL: 2 MARKS

3. TARGET: SKILLS OBJ. 6 - SOCIOLOGICAL METHODS AND RESEARCH STRATEGIES

Two marks are available for each advantage correctly identified, with one mark per extension to a suitable explanation. The candidate may identify:

- may get valid evidence
- may get detailed evidence
- can compare case study with other evidence/documents
- can compare case study with other members of the research population
- may be cheaper and less time consuming than other methods
- may be used to guide further research and other methods
- other suitable response

LEVEL 1 - The candidate describes one advantage 1-2 marks

LEVEL 2 - The candidate describes two advantages 3-4 marks

TOTAL: 4 MARKS

4. TARGET: SKILLS OBJ. 4 - LIMITATIONS OF EVIDENCE

Candidates may identify the following possible reasons:

- Errors in collection of evidence
- Researcher bias
- Subject bias
- Changes in behaviour of subject as a result of being studied
- Unrepresentative sample
- Other suitable response

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One mark for each reason correctly identified, plus one for a suitable extension/explanation of each, up to a maximum of three reasons.

TOTAL: 6 MARKS

5. TARGET: SKILLS OBJS. 6 - SOCIOLOGICAL METHODS AND RESEARCH STRATEGIES

LEVEL 1 - the candidate simply describes documentary evidence as material used in sociological research that already exists 1 mark

LEVEL 2 - the candidate accurately describes documentary evidence as systematic study of existing documents and material to gather evidence related to the topic of the research 2 marks

TOTAL: 2 MARKS

6. TARGET: SKILLS OBJS. 4 - RECOGNISE STRENGTHS OF SOCIOLOGICAL METHODS AND EVIDENCE

The candidate may identify the following strengths:

- Already exists
- Should be cheap to gather
- Relatively easy to analyse; not time consuming
- authentic material related to actual social life
- detailed information may be obtained
- accurate information may be obtained - high validity
- other suitable response

The candidate may identify the following weaknesses:

- documents may be difficult to understand and interpret
- documents may be difficult to locate
- researcher bias may affect interpretation of documents
- difficult to get permission to obtain documents
- documents may contain bias and not be reliable
- other suitable response

One mark is available for each advantage and disadvantage correctly identified, up to a maximum of two. 2 marks

TOTAL: 2 MARKS

7. TARGET: KNOWLEDGE OBJS. 5 - REACHING CONCLUSIONS BASED UPON EVIDENCE

There are three areas of discussion:

(i) Sample size - one man in one religious group in one country (ii) Nature of the evidence - selected sample of diary; (iii) Source of the evidence - research report.

LEVEL 1 - one of these issues discussed clearly 1-2 marks

LEVEL 2 - two of these issues discussed clearly 3-4 marks

LEVEL 3 - three of these issues discussed clearly 5-6 marks

TOTAL: 6 MARKS

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8. TARGET: KNOWLEDGE OBJS. 4 - LIMITATIONS AND BIAS IN EVIDENCE

The candidate may identify the following sources of bias or inaccuracy:

- leading questions; ambiguous questions; etc.
- researcher bias in interpretation of responses
- subject bias in responses
- recording errors and bias
- poor sample
- poor response rates
- other relevant response

LEVEL 1 - The candidate describes one source of bias accurately 1 mark

LEVEL 2 - The candidate describes two sources of bias accurately 2 marks

LEVEL 3 - The candidate describes three sources of bias accurately 3 marks

TOTAL: 3 MARKS

9. TARGET: KNOWLEDGE OBJECTIVE 6 and 7 - SOCIOLOGICAL METHODS AND RESEARCH STRATEGIES

LEVEL 1 - The candidate suggests some evidence but the justification is unclear or implied only 1 mark

LEVEL 2 - The candidate makes a clear connection between the evidence suggested and the purpose of the investigation, however the range and sources of evidence is limited - usually only one main source 2 marks

LEVEL 3 - As level 2, but the range of sources and the types of evidence are greater and more carefully explained; usually 2/3 sources and both primary and secondary evidence; e.g. interviews, statistics, questionnaires, previous research, etc. 3 marks

TOTAL: 3 MARKS

OVERALL TOTAL: 30 MARKS