

**CAMBRIDGE INTERNATIONAL EXAMINATIONS**  
**General Certificate of Education Advanced Subsidiary Level**  
**and Advanced Level**

**SOCIOLOGY**

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PAPER 1 Principles and Methods 1

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1 hour 30 minutes

Additional materials:  
Answer paper

**TIME** 1 hour 30 minutes

**INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES**

Write your name, Centre number and candidate number in the spaces provided at the top of the answer paper/answer booklet.

Write your answers on the separate answer paper provided.

If you use more than one sheet of paper, fasten the sheets together.

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 that you have chosen.

**INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES**

The number of marks is given in brackets [ ] at the end of each question or part question.

Answer **two** questions, each from a different section.

### Section A

- 1 Describe and assess sociological theories of how power is distributed in modern industrial societies. [25]
- 2 'Human behaviour is shaped mainly by social forces.' Describe and assess the evidence that sociologists use to support this claim. [25]

### Section B

- 3 'Sociological research based on participant observation often lacks objectivity'. Explain and discuss. [25]
- 4 Using examples, assess the strengths **and** limitations of postal questionnaires as a method of sociological research. [25]

### Section C

- 5 Assess different sociological explanations of the causes of poverty. [25]
- 6 'Women's role in the family prevents them achieving equality with men in employment'. Explain and discuss. [25]