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SOCIOLOGY

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Paper 1 Principles and Methods 1

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Additional Materials: Answer Booklet/Paper

1 hour 30 minutes

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 on both sides of the paper. You may use a soft pencil for any diagrams, graphs or rough working. 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. 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.

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

Section A: The Sociological Perspective

- 1 Assess the claim that Marxist theory no longer has any relevance for understanding modern societies. [25]
- 2 Assess the view that sociological research should be based on the methods of the natural sciences. [25]

Section B: Sociological Methods

- 3 'While participant observation studies may be high in validity, they give rise to many ethical and practical problems'. Explain and assess. [25]
- 4 Assess the advantages and limitations of using official statistics in sociological research. [25]

Section C: Social Differentiation and Stratification

- 5 Assess the view that women have achieved equality with men in modern industrial societies. [25]
- 6 Assess sociological explanations for the existence of racial discrimination in modern societies. [25]