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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 'Greater certainty can be achieved in sociological research by using the methods favoured by positivists'. Explain and assess. [25]
- 2 'As individuals we have little control over the social forces that shape our lives'. Explain and assess this view. [25]

Section B: Sociological Methods

- 3 Assess the strengths **and** limitations of the different types of interview used in sociological research. [25]
- 4 'The choice of research method is influenced mainly by the sociologist's theoretical perspective.' Explain and assess this view. [25]

Section C: Social Differentiation and Stratification

- 5 'Class divisions are breaking down in modern societies'. Explain and assess. [25]
- 6 'Ownership of property is still the main source of economic and political power in modern societies.' Explain and assess. [25]