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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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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.  
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.

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

### Section A: The Sociological Perspective

- 1 'Social order is created through the interaction of economic and ideological factors.' Explain and assess this view. [25]
- 2 Assess the view that interpretive theories are more relevant than structural theories for understanding modern societies. [25]

### Section B: Sociological Methods

- 3 Assess the view that qualitative research methods are too subjective to produce useful sociological research. [25]
- 4 'Theoretical factors will always be the most important influence on a sociologist's choice of research method.' Explain and assess this statement. [25]

### Section C: Social Differentiation and Stratification

- 5 'Everyone has an equal chance of achieving high social status and reward in modern societies.' Assess this claim. [25]
- 6 'The concept of a "ruling class" is of little use in understanding the distribution of power in modern societies.' Assess this view. [25]