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Additional Materials: Answer Booklet/Paper

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.

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.

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

Section A: The Sociological Perspective

- 1 'Social order exists because people are afraid to disobey the rules of society.' Explain and assess this claim. [25]
- 2 'Marxist theory no longer has any relevance for understanding modern industrial societies.' Explain and assess this view. [25]

Section B: Sociological Methods

- 3 'The data collected using interviews is socially constructed and for that reason it has little value in sociological research.' Explain and assess this view. [25]
- 4 'Money and time available are the main factors that influence a sociologist's choice of research methods.' Explain and assess this view. [25]

Section C: Social Differentiation and Stratification

- 5 'Poor people remain in poverty because they lack the right attitudes and values to succeed in society.' Explain and assess this claim. [25]
- 6 'The competition for jobs and housing between immigrant groups is the main reason why conflict exists between ethnic groups in modern industrial societies.' Explain and assess this claim. [25]