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Paper 1 Principles and Methods 1

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**1 hour 30 minutes**

Additional Materials: Answer Booklet/Paper

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**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.

This document consists of **2** printed pages.



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

### **Section A: The Sociological Perspective**

- 1 “Evidence from a number of sources suggests that socialisation is the main factor shaping human behaviour.” Explain and assess this view. [25]
- 2 Assess the contribution of post-modernist theorists to understanding society today. [25]

### **Section B: Sociological Methods**

- 3 “The strengths of qualitative research methods far outweigh the limitations.” Explain and assess this view. [25]
- 4 “Availability of funding is the main influence on the choice of research methods in sociology.” Explain and assess this view. [25]

### **Section C: Social Differentiation and Stratification**

- 5 Assess the strengths and limitations of cultural explanations of poverty. [25]
- 6 “Social class background has more influence than gender in determining a person’s life chances.” Explain and assess this view. [25]