

CAMBRIDGE INTERNATIONAL EXAMINATIONS  
General Certificate of Education  
Advanced Subsidiary Level and Advanced Level

**SOCIOLOGY**

**9699/01**

Paper 1 Principles and Methods 1

May/June 2003

**1 hour 30 minutes**

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 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.

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

**Section A**

- 1 Assess the view that sociological research can and should be value free. [25]
- 2 Assess the view that the concept of childhood is socially constructed. [25]

**Section B**

- 3 Compare the advantages **and** limitations of *overt* participant observation **and** *covert* participant observation. [25]
- 4 Assess the usefulness of questionnaires **and** interviews in terms of the concepts of validity, reliability, objectivity and representativeness. [25]

**Section C**

- 5 Assess sociological explanations of the relationship between occupation and social class. [25]
- 6 To what extent can gender inequality be explained in terms of the concept of patriarchy? [25]