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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.

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.

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

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

- 1 'The functionalist model of how society works has many limitations and few strengths.' Explain and assess this view. [25]
- 2 'Human behaviour is unpredictable and so it follows that sociology cannot be a science.' Explain and assess this view. [25]

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

- 3 'Quantitative research methods are superior to qualitative research methods in terms of the objectivity and usefulness of the data collected.' Explain and assess this view. [25]
- 4 'The theoretical approach favoured by the sociologist is the main factor influencing his or her choice of research methods.' Explain and assess this view. [25]

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

- 5 'Class background no longer restricts people's opportunities by limiting them to a particular pattern of life and range of experiences.' How far is this view supported by sociological arguments and evidence? [25]
- 6 'Governments and the wealthy benefit from the existence of the poor and this is the main reason why poverty continues to exist.' Explain and assess this view. [25]

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