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

Section A: The Sociological Perspective

1 'The methods and procedures of the natural sciences are inappropriate for studying human behaviour.' Explain and assess this claim. [25]

2 'The identities associated with childhood are socially constructed.' Explain and assess this view. [25]

Section B: Sociological Methods

3 Assess the usefulness of quantitative methods in sociological research. [25]

4 'Participant observation produces the most useful results when the researcher is able to conceal his or her identity from the group.' Explain and assess this view. [25]

Section C: Social Differentiation and Stratification

5 'Affluent manual workers now form part of the middle class in modern industrial societies.' Explain and assess this claim. [25]

6 Assess Marxist explanations for the existence of ethnic inequality in employment. [25]

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