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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.

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: The Sociological Perspective**

- 1 To what extent can the existence of social order be explained in terms of the functionalist concept of value consensus? [25]
- 2 'The social identities associated with childhood vary historically and are influenced by factors such as social class and culture.' Explain and assess this view. [25]

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

- 3 'The data collected by sociologists using questionnaires is very limited by comparison with the insights generated by participant observation studies.' Explain and assess this view. [25]
- 4 'With the exception of official statistics, most forms of secondary data are too subjective to be useful in sociological research.' Explain and assess this view. [25]

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

- 5 'Weber's view of stratification overcomes many of the limitations with Marx's theory of social class.' Explain and assess this view. [25]
- 6 'With improved educational opportunities for females, sexual inequality has now largely disappeared in modern industrial societies.' Explain and assess this view. [25]

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