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

Section A: The Sociological Perspective

1 "The functionalist concept of socialisation is too deterministic. Interactionists provide a better understanding of the process of socialisation." Explain and assess this view. [25]

2 "Durkheim's notion that social order is based on common values and shared interests is mistaken. It is through ideology and the exercise of power that social order is maintained." Explain and assess this view. [25]

Section B: Sociological Methods

3 "Quantitative research methods have more limitations than strengths." Explain and assess this view. [25]

4 "Official statistics have more strengths and fewer limitations than other sources of secondary data." Explain and assess this view. [25]

Section C: Social Differentiation and Stratification

5 "Class divisions in industrial societies have changed in many key respects since the nineteenth century." Explain and assess this view. [25]

6 "A culture exists among the poor that makes attempts to abolish poverty more difficult." Explain and assess this claim. [25]

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