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

Section A: The Sociological Perspective

1 "Marxist explanations of social order rely too much on the role of ideology and control of the state." Explain and assess this view. [25]

2 "Traditional social identities, such as those based on class and ethnicity, have little influence on the way people live today." Explain and assess this post-modernist view. [25]

Section B: Sociological Methods

3 "With participant observation, the best results are achieved when the researcher observes the group covertly." Explain and assess this claim. [25]

4 "Choice of research method is influenced mainly by the theoretical perspective of the sociologist." Explain and assess this view. [25]

Section C: Social Differentiation and Stratification

5 "Feminist theories place too much emphasis on the concept of patriarchy in explaining gender inequality in employment." Explain and assess this view. [25]

6 "Attempts to explain racial discrimination in terms of cultural factors overlook the underlying economic forces that determine the pattern of inequality in society." Explain and assess this view. [25]

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