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

Section A

1 ‘Functionalist theories underestimate the amount of conflict in modern industrial societies.’ Explain and assess this view. [25]

2 ‘Sociologists should use their research to help disadvantaged groups in society.’ Explain and assess this view. [25]

Section B

3 ‘The extent to which official statistics provide an objective account of social reality has been exaggerated.’ Explain and assess this view. [25]

4 ‘Qualitative research methods allow too much scope for the sociologist to influence the research findings.’ Explain and assess this view. [25]

Section C

5 ‘Defining social class only in terms of property ownership fails to reflect the complex nature of class relationships today.’ Explain and assess this view. [25]

6 ‘People in poverty could easily attain a higher standard of living if they had the right attitude and determination.’ Explain and assess this view. [25]

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