

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

Section A: The Sociological Perspective

- 1 “Marxist theory no longer has any relevance for understanding modern industrial societies.” Explain and assess this claim. [25]
- 2 “The social identities associated with childhood vary historically and are influenced by factors such as social class and ethnicity.” Explain and assess this view. [25]

Section B: Sociological Methods

- 3 Assess the strengths and limitations of using official statistics in sociological research. [25]
- 4 “The quality of the evidence produced by longitudinal studies more than compensates for the practical difficulties involved in carrying out this type of research.” Explain and assess this view. [25]

Section C: Social Differentiation and Stratification

- 5 “There are no longer any clear divisions between the working class and the middle class in modern industrial societies.” Explain and assess this view. [25]
- 6 “The inequality experienced by many ethnic minority groups is caused by racial prejudice.” Explain and assess this claim. [25]

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