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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.

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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 “Sociological research can and should be based on the methods of the natural sciences.” Explain and assess this view. [25]
- 2 “The individual has little control over the social forces that shape his or her life.” Explain and assess this view. [25]

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

- 3 Assess the strengths **and** limitations of using secondary data in sociological research. [25]
- 4 “Participant observation studies have little value in sociological research because they are too subjective.” Explain and assess this claim. [25]

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

- 5 “Ownership of property is still the main source of economic and political power in modern societies.” Explain and assess this claim. [25]
- 6 Assess sociological explanations for the existence of racial discrimination in modern industrial societies. [25]

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