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**SOCIOLOGY**

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Paper 1 Socialisation, Identity and Methods of Research

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**1 hour 30 minutes**



You must answer on the enclosed answer booklet.

You will need: Answer booklet (enclosed)

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## INSTRUCTIONS

- Answer **four** questions in total:  
Section A: answer **all** questions.  
Section B: answer **either** Question 4 **or** Question 5.
- Follow the instructions on the front cover of the answer booklet. If you need additional answer paper, ask the invigilator for a continuation booklet.

## INFORMATION

- The total mark for this paper is 60.
- The number of marks for each question or part question is shown in brackets [ ].

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This document has **4** pages. Any blank pages are indicated.

**Section A**

Answer **all** questions in this section.

- 1 Describe **two** characteristics of upper-class culture. [4]
- 2 (a) Explain **two** characteristics of the interpretivist approach to sociological research. [8]  
(b) Explain **two** strengths of closed-ended questionnaires as a research method. [6]
- 3 'Education is the most important agent of socialisation in shaping identity.'  
(a) Explain this view. [10]  
(b) Using sociological material, give **one** argument against this view. [6]

**Section B**

Answer **one** question in this section.

**EITHER**

- 4 Evaluate the view that gender identity is changing. [26]

**OR**

- 5 Evaluate the view that sociological research should be value free. [26]



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