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SOCIOLOGY 9699/12

Paper 1 Principles and Methods 1

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1 hour 30 minutes

Additional Materials: Answer Booklet/Paper

READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS FIRST

If you have been given an Answer Booklet, follow the instructions on the front cover of the Booklet.

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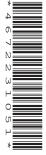
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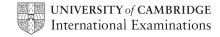
There are three sections in this paper: Section A, Section B and Section C. Choose **two** of these sections and answer **one** question from **each** of the sections you have chosen.

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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 "Interpretivists exaggerate the extent to which people are free to negotiate their social roles." Explain and assess this claim. [25]
- 2 Assess the evidence that the behaviour patterns associated with childhood are socially constructed. [25]

Section B: Sociological Methods

- 3 "Questionnaires have limited use in sociological research because the data they produce lacks depth." Explain and assess this view. [25]
- 4 "Non-participant observation has many more strengths and fewer limitations than participant observation." Explain and assess this claim. [25]

Section C: Social Differentiation and Stratification

- Barriers to upward social mobility have virtually disappeared in modern industrial societies today."
 Explain and assess this claim.
- 6 "Racial discrimination can be explained entirely in terms of economic factors." Explain and assess this view. [25]

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