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SOCIOLOGY **0495/13**

Paper 1 **May/June 2013**

2 hours 30 minutes

Candidates answer on the Question Paper.

No additional materials are required.

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Answer Question 1 and **three** questions from Sections **B** to **D**.
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Section A: Research Methods

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Sociologists can find evidence in many forms, both primary data and *secondary data*. This data may be quantitative or qualitative. *Official statistics* and content analysis are two forms of quantitative data.

Qualitative data can include *life histories* and personal documents as well as evidence that the sociologist has gathered personally using interpretivist methods such as participant observation. Sometimes researchers ask people to keep diaries which can then be used alongside evidence from interviews and questionnaires.

1 **(a)** What is meant by the following terms:

(i) Secondary data

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(ii) Official statistics

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(iii) Life histories.

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(b) Explain **two** limitations of using personal documents in sociological research.

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(c) Describe **two** reasons for combining different sources of data in a research study.

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(d) Describe **one** strength and **one** limitation of covert participant observation.

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(e) Describe **two** types of interviews that may be used in sociological research.

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(f) Describe **two** strengths and **two** limitations of using interpretivist methods in sociological research.

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Section B: Culture and Socialisation

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2 For feminist sociologists the most basic division in society is between men and women rather than between different classes. This division is reflected in their socialisation and gender roles.

(a) What is meant by the term gender roles?

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(b) Describe **two** male gender roles.

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(c) Explain how the socialisation process may be different for a working class child compared to a middle class child.

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(d) To what extent is gender more important than class in shaping the life chances of females?

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3 Functionalists claim that agencies of socialisation regulate people's activities and behaviour in order to encourage social conformity. Some of these agencies are part of the process of formal social control.

(a) What is meant by the term agencies of socialisation?

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(b) Describe **two** agencies of formal social control.

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(c) Explain how informal sanctions may help to produce social conformity.

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(d) To what extent does formal social control achieve the regulation of behaviour?

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Section C: Social Stratification and Inequality

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4 Social status may be achieved or ascribed. Each individual has more than one social status and these may change during a lifetime.

(a) What is meant by the term social status?

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(b) Describe **two** statuses that are usually fixed at birth.

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(c) Explain the difficulties a person may encounter when trying to change their social status.

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(d) To what extent is achieved status more important than ascribed status in modern industrial societies?

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5 Many ethnic minority groups are found at the bottom of stratification systems where they often experience racial discrimination.

(a) Define the term ethnic minority.

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(b) Describe **two** examples of racial discrimination.

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(c) Explain how governments may try to reduce racial discrimination.

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(d) To what extent is upward social mobility possible for people from ethnic minority groups?

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Section D: Power and Authority

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(a) What is meant by the term authority?

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(b) Describe **two** ways by which governments can apply coercion.

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(c) Explain the processes through which democratic governments achieve authority.

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(d) How far does government authority depend on the use of coercion?

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7 There is a distinction between insider and outsider pressure groups. All pressure groups may use lobbying as a way of influencing governments. New social movements have developed which differ from pressure groups.

(a) What is meant by the term lobbying?

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(b) Describe **two** features of new social movements.

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(c) Explain how outsider pressure groups try to influence governments.

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(d) To what extent do pressure groups reflect the interests of the public?

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