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**Paper 1: Investigating socialisation and identity**

**Sample Paper**

(1 hour 30 minutes)

It is necessary to respond on the answer sheet provided alongside this question paper. Additionally, you must have a dark blue or black pen.

**INSTRUCTIONS:**

- You must write your name, candidate number, centre name and centre number on the answer sheet in the designated space.
- This paper consists of 2 sections, answer all questions in section A, answer only one question in section B.
- It is suggested that you spend no longer than 60 minutes on section A.
- You should spend at least 30 minutes on section B.
- It is important to follow the instructions provided on the answer sheet.
- Do not use correction fluid.
- Avoid writing on any bar codes.

**INFORMATION:**

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

## SECTION A:

Answer **ALL** questions

1. Describe one random and one non-random sampling technique. [4 marks]
2. (a) What type of experiment is preferred by positivist sociologists and what type is preferred by interpretivists? [2 marks]  
(b) Explain one strength and one limitation of the experimental method preferred by positivist sociologists as a research method. [4 marks]  
(c) Explain one strength and one limitation of the experimental method preferred by interpretivist sociologists as a research method. [4 marks]  
(d) Explain two ethical factors that should be followed when conducting sociological research. [4 marks]
3. (a) What in sociological terms is the difference between the self and social identity? [8 marks]  
(b) Explain, with examples, the difference between structural and social action views of society. [8 marks]
4. (a) Suggest three positivist criticisms of unstructured interviews. [3 marks]  
(b) Why are unstructured interviews less likely to invite demand characteristics? [3 marks]

## Section B :

Answer **ONE** question only from this section

5. Explain why some social groups might be more difficult to investigate than others using overt observation techniques. [20 marks]
6. To what extent does sociological material support the suggestion that female identity is changing? [20 marks]