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**Paper 1:** **Investigating socialisation and identity For Examination December 2023**

(1 hour 30 minutes)

**INSTRUCTIONS**

* Answer **FIVE** questions in total
* Answer **ALL** questionsin section A
* Answer **ONE** questionin section B
* In section B, answer **EITHER** question 4 **OR** question 5
* It is suggested that you spend no longer than **60** minutes on **section A**
* You should spend at least **30** minutes on **section B**
* 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 [ ]

**SECTION A** – Answer **ALL** questions

1. Sampling techniques can be random or non-random. Quota sampling is a non-random technique. How would you classify the following techniques: **opportunity**; **snowball**; **stratified**; **systematic**? [4 marks]
2. (a) What types of experiment are preferred by (a) positivist and (b) interpretivist sociologists? [2 marks]

(b) Explain one strength and one limitation of the experimental methods preferred by positivist and interpretivist sociologists respectively as research methods. [8 marks]

(c) Describe two measures researchers can take to ensure their research is conducted ethically. [4 marks]

1. (a) Explain two things making some social groups more challenging to study than others [8 marks]

(b) Explain and illustrate the distinction between structural and social action views of society. [8 marks]

1. Explain one advantage and one drawback associated with overt participant observation as a research method. [6 marks]

**Section B – Answer ONE question only from this section**

1. Evaluate the view that peer influence has the greatest significance in shaping individual identity. [20 marks]
2. Is the scientific method an appropriate way to approach sociological research? Discuss [20 marks]