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**SOCIOLOGY** **9699/12**

Paper 1 Socialisation, Identity and Methods of Research **February/March 2026**

**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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## Section A

Answer **all** questions in this section.

**1** Describe **two** informal social sanctions. [4]

**2** **(a)** Explain **two** reasons why group interviews are high in validity. [8]

**(b)** Explain **two** strengths of field experiments as a research method. [6]

**3** 'The media is the most important influence in shaping class 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 human behaviour is shaped by nature rather than nurture. [26]

**OR**

**5** Evaluate the use of official statistics in sociological research. [26]

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