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Paper 1 Socialisation, Identity and Methods of Research **May/June 2026**

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You must answer on the enclosed answer booklet.

You will need: Answer booklet (enclosed)

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** types of qualitative research method. [4]

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

(b) Explain **one** strength and **one** limitation of longitudinal studies in sociological research. [6]

3 'Education is the most important influence in shaping age 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 traditional social identities are the most important influence on the way people live today. [26]

OR

5 Evaluate the view that the values of the sociologist lead to bias in research findings. [26]

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