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SOCIOLOGY

Paper1 EducationwithMethods in Context

Tuesday 12 May 2026

Morning

Time allowed: 1 hour 30 minutes

Materials

You will need no other materials.

Instructions

- Use black ink or black ball-point pen.
- Fill in the boxes at the top of this page.
- Answer **all** questions.
- You must answer the questions in the spaces provided. Do not write outside the box around each page or on blank pages.
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Information

- The marks for questions are shown in brackets.
- The maximum mark for this paper is 60.
- Questions carrying 10 marks or more should be answered in continuous prose. In these questions you will be marked on your ability to:
 - use good English
 - organise information clearly
 - use specialist vocabulary where appropriate.

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EducationAnswer **all** questions.**0 1**

Define the term 'free school'.

[2 marks]

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2**0 2**Using **one** example, briefly explain how placing pupils in sets may affect their experience of school.**[2marks]**

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Item B

One way of studying the experiences of ethnic minority pupils in school is to use structured interviews. This type of interview is standardised and can produce large amounts of quantitative data. However, some pupils may not feel comfortable sharing their experiences. Furthermore, this method can lack the flexibility to ask follow-up questions.

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