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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**

question in this section.

Answer **one**

**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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