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**INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES**

1. Answer question one from **SECTION A** and any other three questions from **SECTION B**.
  2. No unauthorised material or items should be brought into the examination room.
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**SECTION A**

**Question 1**

Researchers are generally expected to minimise risks of physical, psychological, social or economic harm or discomfort to participants in accordance with the principle of nonmaleficence.

Discuss five types of ethical issues and/or guidelines that characterize sociological research.

(25 marks)

**SECTION B**

**Question 2**

- a) Distinguish *primary data* from *secondary data*. (4)
- b) Explain any **three** criticisms levelled against positivism. (6)
- c) Examine three advantages of observational research. (15)

(25 marks)

**Question 3**

Discuss Max Weber's concept of a value free sociology, with the aid of relevant examples.

(25 marks)

**Question 4**

Discuss Talcott Parsons' functionalist perspective.

(25 marks)

**Question 5**

- a) Distinguish *macro sociology* from *micro sociology*. (6)
- b) Compare and contrast the functionalist perspective and the conflict perspective to the study of sociology. (19)

(25 marks)

**Question 6**

- a) Explain any **five** advantages of self-administered questionnaires. (10)
- b) Compare and contrast *semi structured* and *unstructured interviews*. (15)

(25 marks)

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