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SOCIOLOGY – AS component 2
Methods of Sociological Enquiry

TUESDAY, 23 MAY 2017 – MORNING

1 hour 15 minutes

ADDITIONAL MATERIALS

A WJEC pink 16-page answer booklet.

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Answer **all** parts of question one.

Write your answers in the separate answer booklet provided.

Use black ink or black ball-point pen.

INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

The total mark for this paper is 50 marks.

The number of marks is given in brackets at the end of each question or part-question.

You are advised to divide your time accordingly.

Read the following item and answer each part of the following question.

Women's Experiences of Domestic Violence

Sociologist Heather McCosker and her colleagues wanted to investigate women's experiences of domestic violence during and just after pregnancy. Most previous research had used **quantitative methods** which identify those at risk, but "fail to describe the experience and understanding from the perspective of, and in the language used by, women who have experienced abuse". McCosker conducted in-depth, unstructured interviews with women attending a support group. This enabled her to discover that one of the major consequences of domestic violence is a loss of 'self': "The women felt they were no longer the persons they were when they entered the relationships".

Adapted from: McCosker, H., Barnard, A., Gerber, R. (November, 2003) "Phenomenographic Study of Women's Experiences of Domestic Violence During the Childbearing Years"

Answer each part of the following question.

1. (a) Using material from the item and sociological knowledge, explain the meaning of the term **quantitative methods**. [5]
- (b) Using material from the item and sociological knowledge, explain **two** possible reasons why the researchers decided to use unstructured interviews in their research. [10]
- (c) Explain **two** weaknesses of using qualitative methods in this research. [10]
- (d) With reference to sociological studies, discuss the importance of ethical issues in sociological research. [25]

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