



GCE AS

B200U20-1



FRIDAY, 27 MAY 2022 – AFTERNOON

SOCIOLOGY – AS component 2
Methods of Sociological Enquiry

1 hour 15 minutes

ADDITIONAL MATERIALS

A WJEC pink 16-page answer booklet.

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Use black ink or black ball-point pen.

Answer **all** questions.

Write your answers in the separate answer booklet provided.

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.

Family Resources Survey

Since 1992, the Family Resources Survey has provided facts and figures about the living conditions and resources of households in the United Kingdom. These **official statistics** are used by the government to monitor the impact of policy changes and to plan annual spending.

Every year, over 20,000 households take part in this study by completing a face to face structured interview. Households are selected on a random basis from the Postcode Address File.

Adapted from: <http://natcen.ac.uk/our-research/family-resources-survey/>

Answer **each** part of the following question.

1. (a) Using material from the item and sociological knowledge, explain the meaning of the term **official statistics**. [5]
- (b) Using material from the item and sociological knowledge, explain **two** possible reasons why the researchers used face to face interviews. [10]
- (c) Explain **one** strength and **one** weakness of random sampling in this research. [10]
- (d) With reference to sociological studies, discuss the strengths and weaknesses of using quantitative methods in sociological research. [25]

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