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AS Level Sociology

H180/02 Researching and understanding social inequalities

Time allowed: 1 hour 30 minutes

You must have:
- the OCR 12-page Answer Booklet

INSTRUCTIONS
- Use black ink.
- Write your answer to each question in the Answer Booklet. The question numbers must be clearly shown.
- Fill in the boxes on the front of the Answer Booklet.
- Answer **all** the questions.

INFORMATION
- The total mark for this paper is **75**.
- The marks for each question are shown in brackets **[ ]**.
- Quality of extended response will be assessed in questions marked with an asterisk (*).
- This document has **4** pages.

ADVICE
- Read each question carefully before you start your answer.

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Section A

Read the source material.

Source A

Percentage of UK people from different backgrounds in each occupational group by gender in 2018

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The graph shows social mobility, i.e. the social class someone is born into and the social class they achieve. Each bar in the graph represents people from a particular social background/social class, based on the occupations of their parents. Each bar is then split to show the **destination** social class people have achieved.

The data in the graph is based on official statistics from the government's Labour Force Survey.

Source: The Social Mobility Commission (2019)

Source B

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1 Using data from **Source A**, describe **two** conclusions about patterns of social mobility in the UK. **[4]**

2* With reference to **Source B**, explain why sociologists have to consider ethical issues when doing sociological research. **[9]**

3* Using **Source A** and your wider sociological knowledge, explain why positivist sociologists use quantitative data to study patterns of social mobility. **[12]**

4* Using **Source B** and your wider sociological knowledge, explain and evaluate the use of covert ethnographic research to study workers in the restaurant industry. **[20]**

Section B

5* Outline **two** ways in which women in the UK are **advantaged** compared to men. **[10]**

6* Assess radical feminist explanations of gender inequalities in UK society. **[20]**

END OF QUESTION PAPER

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