



**GCE AS**

**B200U20-1**



**TUESDAY 23 MAY 2023 – MORNING**

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

**Living apart together: Uncoupling intimacy and co-residence by Miranda Phillips, 2013.**

A mixed-method study was conducted in 2011–12 and was a detailed study of those who choose to live apart together (LAT). Around one fifth of those normally classified as ‘single’ were actually in a relationship but not living with their partner – 9% of adults in Britain. Three methods were used to gain a thorough understanding of LAT relationships. Firstly, a questionnaire was used to collect **quantitative data** which focused on their social characteristics, motivations, attitudes and how they organise their relationships. Secondly, 50 people then went on to take part in qualitative semi-structured interviews, to gain more insight into everyday relationship practices. Thirdly, 16 people responded to longer unstructured interviews about their personal relationships and life histories.

Adapted from <https://natcen.ac.uk/our-research/research/living-apart-together/>

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

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

**END OF PAPER**