



GCE AS

B200U20-1



TUESDAY, 21 MAY 2024 – 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, following the instructions on the front of the answer booklet.

INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

The total mark available is 50.

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.

Experiences of stop and search

The Commission on Race and Ethnic Disparities (CRED) was established in July 2020, with the aim of examining inequalities across the UK. The commission was appointed to collect qualitative data and therefore conducted a combination of online **focus groups** and unstructured interviews. This included interviews and focus groups with:

- Black and South Asian young men (aged 18–30) who had been stopped and searched by the police
- police officers.

To ensure the research was ethical, the focus groups aimed to create a safe space in which participants could discuss their views and experiences. As discussions often covered potentially distressing topics, such as experiences of racism, the research team provided relevant support information at the end of each focus group.

Adapted from research published on the National Centre for Social Research website.

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

1. (a) Using material from the item and sociological knowledge, explain the meaning of the term **focus group**. [5]
- (b) Using material from the item and sociological knowledge, explain **two** possible ethical issues in this research. [10]
- (c) Explain **one** strength and **one** weakness of using qualitative data in this research. [10]
- (d) With reference to sociological studies, discuss the strengths and weaknesses of using multiple methods in sociological research. [25]

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