



**GCE AS**

B200U20-1



**SOCIOLOGY – AS component 2**  
**Methods of Sociological Enquiry**

MONDAY, 20 MAY 2019 – 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.*

### **A scientific survey of young runaways**

In 2005, Rees and Lee carried out a survey of 11 000 young people aged 14 to 16 to find out what proportion had run away from home for at least one night, what happened to them and why they had run away. The study consisted of a **representative sample** of young people aged 14 to 16. They were selected from four or five secondary schools in 16 different areas of the country. Rees and Lee used a questionnaire for the study, which students were asked to complete on their own.

The authors also researched previous studies about young runaways. This included a study published in 1999. Rees and Lee decided to use similar methodology to the 1999 study, as this would allow them to compare how the situation had changed over the last seven years.

Rees and Lee took ethical issues very seriously and so provided each school and student with clear statements to explain what the research was about and how it would be used, also explaining that their identity would be kept anonymous.

*Adapted from: A2 Sociology, Moore, S. Aiken, D. and Chapman, S. (2009)*

*Answer each part of the following question.*

1. (a) Using material from the item and sociological knowledge, explain the meaning of the term **representative sample**. [5]
- (b) Using material from the item and sociological knowledge, explain **two** possible ethical issues in their research. [10]
- (c) Explain **two** weaknesses of using quantitative data in this research. [10]
- (d) With reference to sociological studies, discuss the strengths and weaknesses of using secondary data when conducting sociological research. [25]

**END OF PAPER**