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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.

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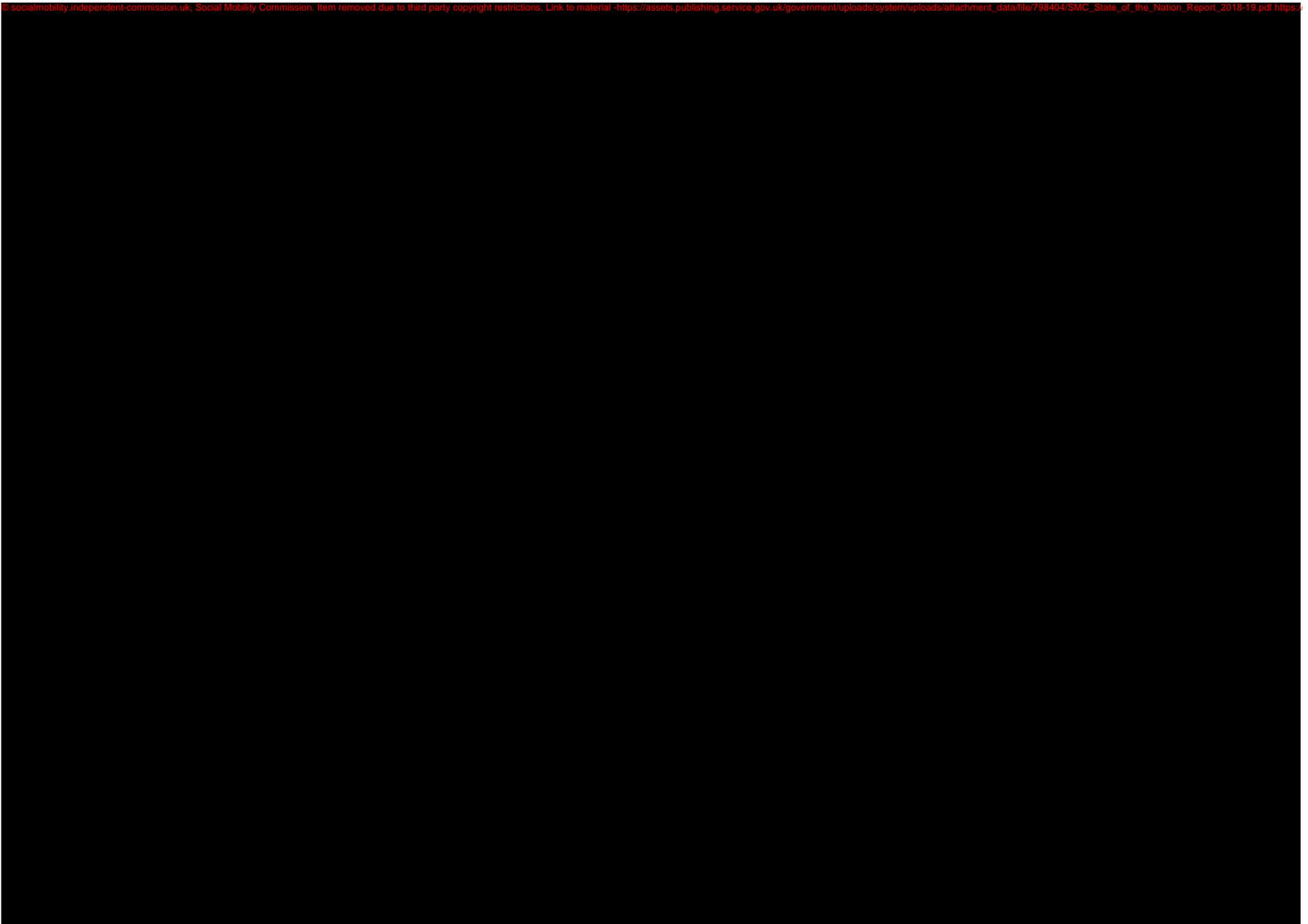
- Read each question carefully before you start your answer.

Section A

Read the source material.

Source A

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



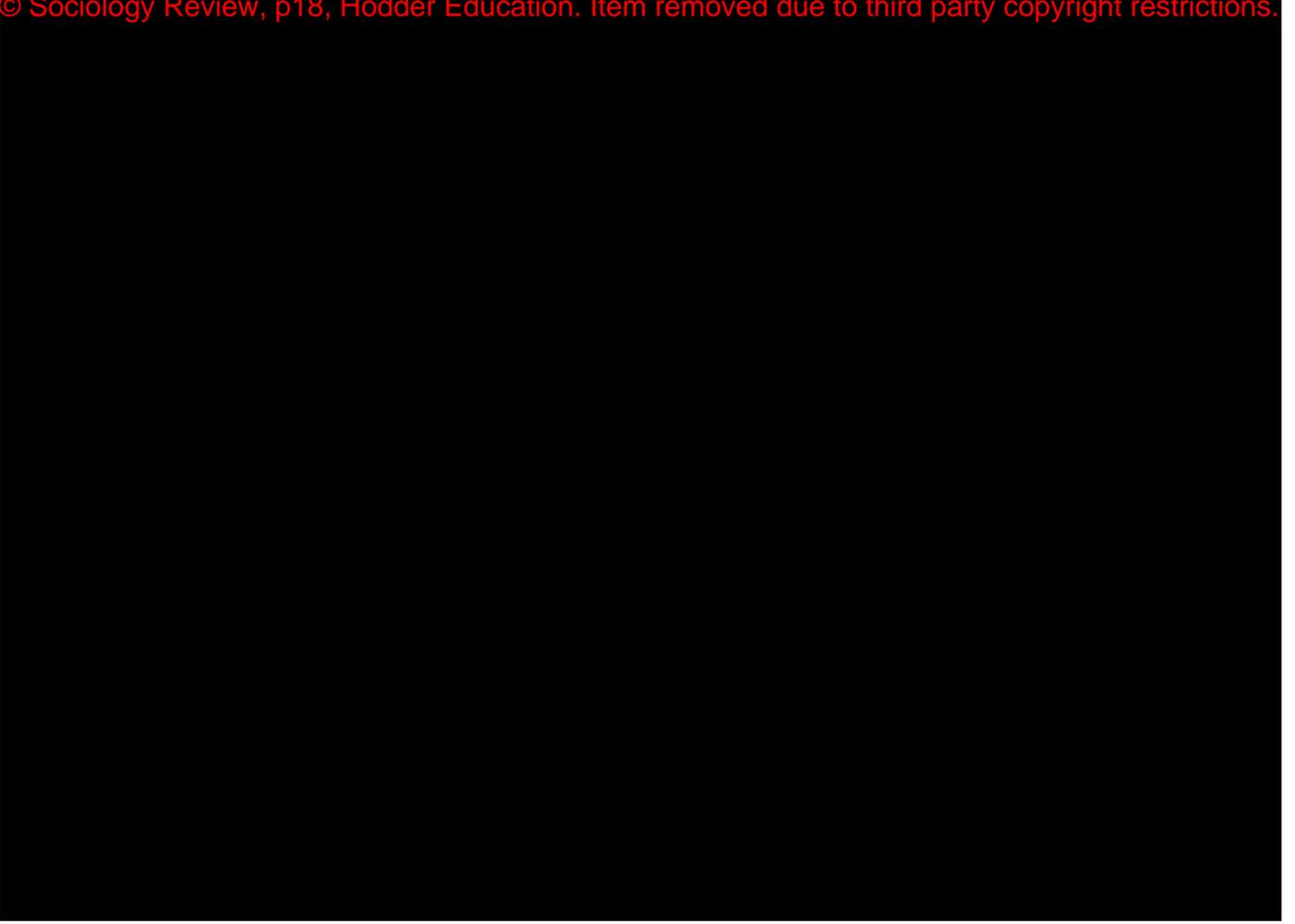
The graph shows social mobility, i.e. the social class someone is born into and the social class they achieve. Each bar in the graph represents people from a particular social background/social class, based on the occupations of their parents. Each bar is then split to show the **destination** social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