

## Sociological Research Skills

<b>Collecting Primary Data: Interviews</b>	
<b>Total Marks:</b>	<b>25</b>

1. Identify and briefly explain the difference between structured and focused interviews (2)
2. Identify some possible advantages (2) and disadvantages (2) of focused, as opposed to structured, interviews.
3. Identify some possible advantages (2) and disadvantages (2) of group, as opposed to individual, interviews.
4. As a follow-up piece of research you have decided to interview a volunteer selection of people who answered your self-report crime questionnaire:
  - a. Identify and explain some possible advantages of using interviews for this research (4 marks)
  - b. Identify and explain some possible disadvantages of using interviews for this research (4)
5. Briefly explain how the use of a focused interview for this research might give you a greater depth of information about why people commit crimes (3)
6. How might your presence, as a researcher, at the interview affect the data you collect (4)