

Social and cultural anthropology
Higher level
Paper 3

Friday 20 November 2015 (morning)

1 hour

Instructions to candidates

- Do not turn over this examination paper until instructed to do so.
- Answer one question.
- The maximum mark for this examination paper is **[20 marks]**.

Answer **one** question. The answer must refer to **both theoretical perspectives and theory/schools of thought in anthropology** and their application to specific and clearly identified **ethnographic illustrations**. Each question is worth [20 marks].

1. Examine the relationship between idealist and materialist perspectives in the work of **one** anthropologist **or one** school of thought.

 2. Discuss the strengths and limitations of adopting **either** a conflict-centred **or** an agency-centred approach to ethnography.

 3. Evaluate how **either** a structure-centred **or** a cohesion-centred perspective has helped to better understand **one** of the following:
 - inequality
 - power
 - ritual.

 4. Discuss the contrast between universalistic and particularistic perspectives in **one** of the following schools of thought:
 - postmodernism
 - symbolic theory
 - cultural ecology.

 5. Examine **either** synchronic **or** diachronic perspectives in **one** school of thought.
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