

Social and cultural anthropology
Higher level
Paper 3

Thursday 2 November 2017 (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 strengths and limitations of using a synchronic perspective in ethnography.
 2. Evaluate the contribution of **either** an idealist **or** a materialist perspective in terms of an understanding of social relations.
 3. Compare and contrast a particularistic **and** a universalistic perspective in relation to **one** of the following schools of thought:
 - Marxism
 - symbolic theory
 - feminism.
 4. Contrast the work of **two** anthropologists in relation to **one** of the following perspectives:
 - structure-centred
 - diachronic
 - agency-centred.
 5. Discuss why anthropologists might choose to use **either** a conflict-centred **or** a cohesion-centred perspective in their approach to ethnography.
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