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Anthropology

ANTH2

Unit 2 Becoming a Person: Processes, Practices and Consequences

Wednesday 20 May 2015 1.30 pm to 3.00 pm

For this paper you must have:

- an AQA 12-page answer book.

Time allowed

- 1 hour 30 minutes

Instructions

- Use black ink or black ball-point pen.
- Write the information required on the front of your answer book. The **Paper Reference** is ANTH2.
- This paper is divided into **two** sections.
In **Section A**, answer **all** questions.
In **Section B**, answer **one** question.
- Do all rough work in your answer book. Cross through any work you do not want to be marked.

Information

- The marks for questions are shown in brackets.
- The maximum mark for this paper is 70.
- Questions carrying 10 marks or more should be answered in continuous prose. In these questions you will be marked on your ability to:
 - use good English
 - organise information clearly
 - use specialist vocabulary where appropriate.

Section A

Answer **all** questions in this section.

Total for this section: 40 marks

Read **Item A** below and answer **all** the questions that follow.

Item A

Rituals are an important part of any society. They may reflect larger-scale changes that a particular social group are experiencing. Therefore, they provide a rich source of information to help anthropologists understand the beliefs and practices of the group that they are studying.

There are many types of rituals, such as religious or secular, which take place for a variety of reasons. A rite of passage is a type of ritual that marks the transition from one stage of life into another, for example from being a child to becoming an adult. Rituals also confirm or challenge significant social relationships. They often involve the use of specific items of material culture and are often connected to an unusual event or some form of activity.

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- 0 1** Explain what is meant by 'material culture' **and** illustrate your explanation with an example (**Item A**, line 9). **[4 marks]**
- 0 2** Identify and briefly explain **two** ways in which rituals 'may reflect larger-scale changes' in society (**Item A**, line 1). **[6 marks]**
- 0 3** Examine **two or more** ways in which new technologies may affect what it means to be a person. **[10 marks]**
- 0 4** Using material from **Item A** and elsewhere, examine the role of rituals in kinship relations. **[20 marks]**

Section B

Answer **one** question from this section.

Total for this section: 30 marks

Either

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Compare and contrast the effects that boundaries have for different social groups.

[30 marks]

or

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Compare and contrast the ways in which symbols are used to create and maintain identity in different societies.

[30 marks]

END OF QUESTIONS

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