



SOCIAL ANTHROPOLOGY
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PAPER 2

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3 hours

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

- Do not open this examination paper until instructed to do so.
- Answer three questions.
- Examination scripts must show evidence of having studied four societies in detail.

1. In the news as well as in anthropology, there is increasing reference to ‘ethnicity’ and/or ‘ethnic groups’. How do anthropologists try to account for ethnicity in the modern world **or** for its increased importance in recent decades?
 2. Some anthropologists have recently argued that their role should be that of advocate, as well as researcher, of the groups on which they conduct research. Using one case that you have studied, explain and critically evaluate this claim.
 3. With reference to **one** society you have studied, illustrate and explain how basic principles of a society, such as opposition, segmentation or hierarchy, are often expressed in myth **or** ritual **or** social space.
 4. “The development of political hierarchy in society is closely linked to the amount of resources that need to be produced and/or distributed”. With reference to specific ethnography, explain the validity of this claim.
 5. People in all societies invoke kinship to a variety of different ends, social, political, and/or economic. Evaluate and illustrate this claim with reference to **two** societies of different scale.
 6. Both society and culture are produced through the interaction of global and local forces. With reference to specific ethnography, explain and illustrate how this may take place.
 7. The task of anthropology has been described as that of making the strange familiar and the familiar strange. With reference to specific examples from your anthropological reading, show how and why this may be the case.
 8. Show how and why colonialism has been both the context and object of anthropological study.
 9. “Women will always be unequal until they join men in the workplace”. Examine this claim in light of your knowledge of anthropological approaches to gender differentiation and hierarchy.
 10. Illustrate and critically evaluate the claim that conflict, as much as consensus, is an important mechanism of social integration and order.
 11. With reference to **two** societies, explain and illustrate how anthropologists have accounted for ideas about pollution, danger and ambiguity.
 12. Describe and critically evaluate **two** ways in which anthropologists have tried to account for inequalities between nations and/or regions.
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