



**SOCIAL AND CULTURAL ANTHROPOLOGY
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PAPER 3**

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1 hour

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

- Do not turn over this examination paper until instructed to do so.
- Answer one question.

*Answer **one** question. The answer must refer to fundamental theoretical issues and their application to specific and clearly identified ethnographic illustrations. Each question is worth [20 marks].*

1. Explain why, in ethnographic accounts of society and culture, anthropologists have paid more attention to cohesion than to conflict.
 2. Understanding the relationship between group norms and personal experience has been a persistent problem for anthropological characterizations of culture. Contrast the ways in which **two** anthropological theories have tackled this relationship.
 3. Are the same theoretical approaches in anthropology equally useful for the analysis of both non-industrial and industrial societies? Discuss with reference to **one** specific theoretical approach.
 4. A strong version of cultural relativism states that members of one society are not entitled to scrutinize critically the practices found in another society. Discuss the extent to which this version of cultural relativism is tenable.
 5. Illustrate and critically evaluate **one** of the following theoretical approaches, showing how it has contributed to your understanding of **one** specific society:
 - political economy
 - cultural materialism
 - practice theory
 - interpretive anthropology
 - postmodernist anthropology.
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