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**SOCIAL AND CULTURAL ANTHROPOLOGY  
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PAPER 3**

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1 hour

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**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. Some anthropological approaches emphasize that it is very important to understand the present through the lens of the past. Choose **one** such approach and show why its proponents insist on this point.
  2. Why can two anthropologists come up with radically different descriptions of the same society? Answer this question with reference to specific anthropological theory.
  3. “The job of the anthropologist is to apply scientific methods to the investigation of society and culture.” Choose **one** theoretical approach and evaluate the extent to which its proponents agree and disagree with this statement.
  4. Choose **two** theoretical approaches that have treated the relationship between agency and structure differently, and compare their treatments of this relationship.
  5. Choose **one** of the following important thinkers and discuss how his or her contribution to anthropology continues to be relevant to today’s theoretical thinking:
    - Max Weber
    - Franz Boas
    - Claude Lévi-Strauss
    - Marcel Mauss
    - Eleanor Leacock
    - A R Radcliffe-Brown.
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