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**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. Evaluate the work of **either one** school of anthropology **or one** anthropologist with reference to **one** of the following:
 - materialism and idealism
 - synchronic and diachronic perspectives
 - structure and agency.

 2. Older ethnographies generally confined discussion of women to the “marriage and kinship” chapter. Why has this practice changed?

 3. “Social and cultural anthropology has a particularistic focus but universalistic ambitions.” Discuss the validity of this statement.

 4. What are the key differences between positivist and interpretivist approaches to society and culture?

 5. Why do theoretical approaches focus on some aspects of social and cultural life while excluding others?
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