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Social and cultural anthropology

Higher level

Paper 2

13 May 2024

Zone A morning | **Zone B** morning | **Zone C** morning

2 hours 30 minutes

Instructions to candidates

- Do not open this examination paper until instructed to do so.
- Section A: answer the question.
- Section B: answer two questions.
- The maximum mark for this examination paper is **[45 marks]**.

Section A

Answer the question.

1. With reference to ethnographic material from **one** area of inquiry you have studied, discuss how power **or** materiality **or** belief and knowledge helps you to understand **one** of the following real-world issues that is grounded in a contemporary example:
 - environment
 - human rights
 - sustainability
 - technology
 - violence.

[15]

Section B

Answer **two** questions from the three remaining areas of inquiry you have studied. Each question must be from a **different** area of inquiry. You must use specific and clearly identified ethnographic illustrations. Each question is worth [15 marks].

Belonging

2. Discuss the use of power in relation to **either** ethnicity/race **or** ideology.
3. Discuss identity in relation to **one** of the following:
 - reproduction (social and biological)
 - personhood
 - imagined community
 - the study of emotions.

Classifying the world

4. Compare and contrast morality in **two** societies in relation to **either** identity **or** social relations.
5. Discuss boundaries in relation to **one** of the following:
 - nature/culture
 - the sacred/profane
 - purity and pollution
 - marginality.

Communication, expression and technology

6. Compare and contrast change in relation to communication in **two** societies that you have studied.
7. Examine identity in relation to **one** of the following:
 - hybridity
 - performance
 - political discourse
 - communication in global times.

Conflict

8. To what extent is belief and knowledge essential for **either** authority **or** resistance?
9. Examine conflict in relation to **one** of the following:
 - hegemony
 - consensus
 - human rights
 - policing and security.

Development

10. Discuss **either** change **or** power in relation to modernization.
11. Examine materiality in relation to **one** of the following:
 - conflict
 - sustainability
 - the local and the global
 - poverty and wealth.

Health, illness and healing

12. Examine the use of symbolism in relation to **either** causation **or** suffering.
13. Discuss culture in relation to **one** of the following:
 - biopsychosocial model
 - hybridity
 - healing practices
 - ethnobotany.

Movement, time and space

14. Examine **either** culture **or** power in relation to globalization.
15. Examine social relations in relation to **one** of the following:
 - space
 - time
 - urban anthropology
 - local and global movement.

Production, exchange and consumption

16. Compare and contrast change in relation to capitalism in **two** societies that you have studied.
17. Examine symbolism in relation to **one** of the following:
 - globalization
 - exchange
 - commodification
 - consumption.

The body

18. Discuss identity in relation to **either** commodification **or** the self.
 19. Examine **either** habitus **or** personhood in relation to **one** of the following:
 - subjectivity
 - embodiment
 - mechanized bodies
 - the lived body.
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