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Social and cultural anthropology
Higher level
Paper 2

12 May 2025

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 **either** society **or** power **or** change helps you to understand **one** of the following real-world issues that is grounded in a contemporary example:
 - environment
 - globalization
 - inequality
 - poverty
 - technology.

[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. Compare and contrast how **either** power **or** identity affects belonging in a community in **two** societies that you have studied.
3. Examine **either** personhood **or** ethnicity/race in relation to **one** of the following:
 - nation state
 - kinship
 - the politics of inclusion and exclusion
 - the contemporary family.

Classifying the world

4. To what extent do **either** culture **or** social relations affect classification?
5. Examine **either** morality **or** boundaries in relation to **one** of the following:
 - systems of stratification
 - cosmology
 - ritual and religion
 - socialization/enculturation/acculturation (choose **one**).

Communication, expression and technology

6. To what extent can changes in communication technologies affect **either** social relations **or** identity?
7. Discuss the role of **either** communication **or** globalization in relation to **one** of the following:
 - political discourse
 - media and popular culture
 - commodification
 - performance.

Conflict

8. Compare and contrast **either** power **or** identity in relation to resistance in **two** societies you have studied.
9. Discuss the role of **either** conflict **or** consensus in relation to **one** of the following:
 - social control
 - governmentality
 - performances of power
 - formal and informal political systems.

Development

10. Compare and contrast how **either** social relations **or** culture is affected by development in **two** societies that you have studied.
11. Discuss **either** modernization **or** neocolonialism in relation to **one** of the following:
 - poverty and wealth
 - environment
 - development and health
 - conflict.

Health, illness and healing

12. Examine **either** change **or** culture in relation to **either** health **or** illness.
13. Examine the role of **either** biomedicine **or** embodiment in relation to **one** of the following:
 - healing practice
 - inequality
 - global health politics
 - suffering and pain.

Movement, time and space

14. Compare and contrast **either** society **or** identity with movement in **two** societies that you have studied.
15. Discuss **either** time **or** space in relation to **one** of the following:
 - globalization
 - urban anthropology
 - disjuncture
 - liminality.

Production, exchange and consumption

- 16.** Discuss **either** social relations **or** culture in relation to labour.
- 17.** Examine the role of **either** globalization **or** colonialism in **one** of the following:
- consumption
 - systems of exchange
 - commodification
 - production.

The body

- 18.** Compare and contrast **either** symbolism **or** materiality in relation to the body in **two** societies that you have studied.
- 19.** Examine **either** subjectivity **or** the Other in relation to **one** of the following:
- embodiment
 - habitus
 - the commodified body
 - the modified body.
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