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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** culture **or** belief and knowledge **or** identity helps you to understand **one** of the following real-world issues that is grounded in a contemporary example:
 - globalization
 - 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. Examine change in the contemporary family in relation to **either** globalization **or** personhood.
3. Discuss **either** kinship **or** ideology in relation to **one** of the following:
 - socialization/enculturation/acclulturation (choose **one**)
 - nation state
 - the study of emotions
 - the politics of inclusion and exclusion.

Classifying the world

4. Compare and contrast how **either** symbolism **or** power affects morality in **two** societies that you have studied.
5. Examine **either** classification **or** hegemony in relation to **one** of the following:
 - cosmology
 - nature/culture
 - purity and pollution
 - language.

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. Examine **either** identity **or** materiality in relation to conflict.
9. Discuss **either** ideology **or** the state in relation to **one** of the following:
 - violence and suffering
 - resistance
 - social control
 - indigenous issues.

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 health and illness in relation to **either** power **or** belief and knowledge.
13. Discuss **either** inequality **or** suffering in relation to **one** of the following:
 - embodiment
 - healing practice
 - biomedicine/medicalization/social control (choose **one**)
 - plural medical systems.

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.** Examine the body in relation to **either** social relations **or** symbolism.
- 19.** Discuss **either** subjectivity **or** the self in relation to **one** of the following:
- the modified body
 - commodification
 - the Other
 - the ritualized body.
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