



**SOCIAL AND CULTURAL ANTHROPOLOGY  
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PAPER 3**

Friday 16 May 2003 (morning)

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. “Localness is no longer as simple at the dawn of the new millennium as it was formerly assumed to be.” Show how the ways in which people are grounded in a local context are complex. Refer to particular ethnography and theory in your answer.
  2. Compare synchronic and diachronic approaches to ethnography, using specific anthropological theories as illustrations.
  3. Explain and illustrate how the treatment of **one** of the following Fundamental Theoretical Issues has changed in the history of anthropology: materialism and idealism; cohesion and conflict; relation to empirical material.
  4. Some scholars have maintained that anthropologists are not well equipped to study their own society. Others claim that insiders are better prepared to study a particular ethnographic situation than outsiders. Discuss these contradictory positions.
  5. Contrast how **two** theoretical schools in anthropology approach agency **or** social cohesion **or** social change.
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