



**SOCIAL AND CULTURAL ANTHROPOLOGY
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PAPER 3**

Wednesday 3 May 2006 (morning)

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. Compare the ways in which **two** distinct theoretical schools have approached the meaning of “culture”.
 2. Some anthropologists have claimed that social action and ideas are determined by structural conditions over which persons have little control. Discuss the validity of this claim with reference to **two** distinct theoretical approaches.
 3. Why do some contemporary anthropologists criticize ethnographic works that do not pay enough attention to historical context?
 4. “Any worthwhile pursuits in anthropology seek to understand what binds humanity in its commonalities.” Discuss this statement, making reference to specific theory.
 5. Discuss the claim that society is structured more around the competing interests of groups than around common interests.
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