



"Investing in Africa's Future"

**COLLEGE OF SOCIAL SCIENCES, THEOLOGY,
HUMANITIES AND EDUCATION**

COURSE CODE: HSA203

COURSE TITLE: INTRODUCTION TO SOCIAL ANTHROPOLOGY

END OF FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS

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GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

1. Do NOT write your name on the answer sheet.
2. Answer ALL the questions in Section A, and ONLY TWO in Section B.
3. Begin your answer for each question on a new page.
4. Each question is worth a total of **20 marks**.
5. Credit is given for neat, well-written and lucid work.

Section A

This section is compulsory. Attempt all questions.

1. Social Anthropology focuses on the diversity amongst people.
 - a) Define ethnography (2 marks).
 - b) Compare and contrast subjectivity and objectivity in social anthropology (5 marks).
 - c) Name any three ethical considerations an anthropologist should keep in mind when carrying out anthropological research (3 marks).
 - d) Define kinship (2 marks)
 - e) "Malinowski invented fieldwork in social anthropology". Comment (3 marks).
 - f) Explain how the terms "sex" and "gender" are understood in social anthropology? (3 marks).
 - g) Describe the concept of cultural relativism (2 marks).

Section B

Choose ANY two of the following essay questions.

2. Imagine you are hired as a consultant to conduct an ethnographic study in the area of digital and medical anthropology where you are required to assess the impact of smartphones on the elderly in Zimbabwe. The study targets to gather data from men and women who are between the age of 50 and 70. Demonstrate how you will conduct this study. Please use the following to guide your answer:
 - a. Give a background to this study (4marks)
 - b. Develop objectives and research questions of the study (4marks)
 - c. Indicate the research design you will use? (4 marks)
 - d. Consider sampling methods and data analysis (4 marks)
 - e. Outline the ethical issues you think are important for this study (4marks)
3. Examine how the discipline of anthropology can make a contribution to the current debates on gender based violence in Africa.
4. Discuss how gender is reshaping the understanding of masculinities in the 21st century in Africa.
5. Discuss the importance of conducting an ethnographic study using participant observation and also highlight the shortcomings.
6. On the basis of the ethnographic project that you carried out during the course of the semester, examine some of the ethical considerations ethnographic fieldwork often triggers.