



"Investing in Africa's Future"

FACULTY OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

HSA203 INTRODUCTION TO SOCIAL ANTHROPOLOGY I

END OF FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS

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DURATION: 3 HRS

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Do NOT write your name on the answer sheet.
 2. Answer all the questions in Section A, and 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.
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Section A

This section is compulsory. Attempt all questions.

1. Social Anthropology focuses on the diversity amongst people.
 - a) Define ethnography (2 marks).
 - b) List any two distinguishing features of ethnography (2 marks).
 - c) Explain the difference between social and linguistic anthropology (6 marks).
 - d) How did Edward Tylor define culture? (2 marks).
 - e) How are "language" and "power" understood in anthropology? (3 marks).
 - f) Define kinship (2 marks).
 - g) Briefly outline the limits of cultural relativism (3 marks).

Section B

Choose any two of the following essay questions.

2. You are an ethnographer about to undertake a study of early marriages among teenage girls in Mutasa District. Outline the specific research steps undertaken by an ethnographer before embarking on fieldwork.
3. Analyse the components Michael Burawoy identified as critical to ethnography.
4. Evaluate the contribution of "native anthropologists" to anthropological enquiry.
5. Using the constructivist assumptions on social identities, explain why race, ethnicity and sexuality remain contested terrains in Africa today.
6. Explain to a class of 1st year Anthropology students at Africa University the contribution of Akil Gupta and James Ferguson to social anthropology.

*****END OF QUESTION PAPER*****