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SOCIAL ANTHROPOLOGY

MODULE CODE: SA1001
MODULE TITLE: Anthropology in the World
EXAM DURATION: 2 Hours
EXAM INSTRUCTIONS

Candidates should answer TWO questions, no more than ONE from each section.

Do not overlap your answers to different questions.

Ethnographic examples should be used to illustrate all your answers.

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SECTION ONE

1. What can anthropology tell us about the relationship between persons and bodies?

2. Why is it important to compare our Western knowledge about the sexed body with the ideas of people from other societies?

SECTION TWO

3. What insights are to be gained from the generalisation that ‘today's social world is a world in motion’?

4. What effects do differing notions of home have on people's lives?

SECTION THREE

5. How can studying elites help us understand the nature of power?

6. In what ways can we say that music helps people resist marginalization, oppression and discrimination?

SECTION FOUR

7. What performative skills were used by the Macha shaman? What do we learn from this case about the relation between speaking and writing?

8. How do Chomsky's ideas of competence and creativity differ from those of Dell Hymes and the ‘ethnographers of speaking’?