MAY 2012

SOCIAL ANTHROPOLOGY

MODULE CODE: SA1002

MODULE TITLE: Ways of Thinking

EXAM DURATION: 2 Hours

EXAM INSTRUCTIONS

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

Do not overlap your answers to different questions.

Ethnographic examples should be used to illustrate all your answers.

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PART A

1. "Human kinship systems should not vary, but they do." Discuss.

2. How do the ways that people make a living affect their kinship systems?

3. Why is incest prohibited in all human societies?

PART B

4. What are the limitations of the idea of the ‘original affluent society’ in relation to hunter-gatherers?

5. ‘For hunters and gatherers nature is animated by spirits’ - Discuss.

6. Is witchcraft rational?

PART C

7. Use two or more ethnographic examples to assess Euro-American assumptions about the ‘environment’.

8. How do physical landscapes and social moralities shape each other? Discuss this questions using ethnographic examples from EITHER Papua New Guinea OR the Apache.

9. ‘The atmosphere and climate change are cultural ideas’. Discuss.