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SOCIAL ANTHROPOLOGY

MODULE CODE: SA2001
MODULE TITLE: The Foundation of Human Social Life
EXAM DURATION: 2 Hours
EXAM INSTRUCTIONS

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

Do not overlap your answers to different questions.

Ethnographic examples should be used to illustrate your answers where appropriate.

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SECTION ONE

1. Compare and contrast the ways in which Frazer, Rivers and Malinowski portrayed how ‘primitive people’ think?

2. Discuss the importance of comparison to the development of Anthropology.

SECTION TWO

3. What have been the strengths and limits of a ‘functionalist’ approach?

4. How did anthropologists from the 1950s onwards try to balance synchronic and diachronic explanations?

5. How and why did anthropology return to addressing human universals in the 1960s?

SECTION THREE


7. With reference to Foucault, discuss the issue of surveillance in contemporary societies.

SECTION FOUR

8. Why did feminist anthropologists focus their critical attention on the dichotomy between Nature and Culture?

9. Why did Clifford want ethnography to be recognized as a form of fiction?

SECTION FIVE

10. Is it ethical to conduct research among ‘illegal’ organisations such as drug dealers, gangs and organised criminal syndicates?