MAY 2013

SOCIAL ANTHROPOLOGY

MODULE CODE: SA4866
MODULE TITLE: Anthropology and Eurasia
EXAM DURATION: 3 hours

EXAM INSTRUCTIONS
Candidates should answer THREE questions. At least ONE question 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. ‘Marx went away and Karl stayed behind’. Discuss the ‘transition’ from socialism to postsocialism in Eurasia from an intergenerational perspective.

2. Discuss the dynamics of social change for Central Asian cities with reference to an Uzbek AND/OR Kazakh city.

3. Is Eurasian shamanism a religion or a special relationship with the environment?

4. What is the difference between official and unofficial Islam in Central Asia?

SECTION TWO

5. Discuss how a Eurasian pastoralist’s view of ‘nature’ and death impact upon their use of minerals, water and other natural resources?

6. How are social relationships and life-cycle events articulated through feasting in Eurasia?

7. What aspects of music, sound and poetics come into play in contemporary Central Asian epic poetry?

8. How are people drawing on old practices to create new Eurasian futures?

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