Social and cultural anthropology
Higher level
Paper 3

Tuesday 17 May 2016 (morning)

1 hour

Instructions to candidates

• Do not turn over this examination paper until instructed to do so.
• Answer one question.
• The maximum mark for this examination paper is [20 marks].
Answer one question. The answer must refer to both theoretical perspectives and theory/schools of thought in anthropology and their application to specific and clearly identified ethnographic illustrations. Each question is worth [20 marks].

1. Evaluate how either a structure-centred or an agency-centred perspective has contributed to the study of either social marginalization or gender relations.

2. Examine how one theory or school of thought helps us to understand one of the following:
   - violence
   - cooperation
   - hierarchy
   - equality.

3. Examine the work of either one anthropologist or one school of thought with regard to the differences between universalistic and particularistic perspectives.

4. Discuss the work of one anthropologist in relation to one of the following:
   - feminism
   - Marxism
   - postmodernism.

5. Discuss the claim that either an idealist perspective or a diachronic perspective is essential to our understanding of the social and cultural world.