

Essay Questions:

Please choose one from the following list. Please note that you will be expected to refer to specific (named) ethnographic case studies and appropriate authors to support your argument.

1. Consider, and account for, the apparent universal subordination of women. (LA)
2. Explain why the body is believed to be a useful symbol for understanding societies. (LA)
3. Rites of passage help individuals negotiate 'life change moments'. Explain what this means, how it is achieved and why it benefits society to enact such elaborate rituals at these times. (LA)
4. Compare and contrast 2 different ways of thinking about the 'environment' and consider how these ways of thinking are visible in the lives of the human societies involved. (LA)
5. Explain why it is so important for anthropologists to avoid ethnocentricity when studying other cultures. (SH)
6. Communication is more than just language. Consider the different ways in which people communicate information about their 'culture' to others. (SH)
7. Compare gift giving in a 'Western' context with another form of (non-Western) ceremonial exchange. (SH)
8. Provide an overview of Azande witchcraft beliefs and consider whether or not they can be considered 'rational'. (SH)