



UNIVERSITY OF JOHANNESBURG

JUNE 2020 SUPPLEMENTARY EXAM

COURSE: Anthropology 2A

DATE:

DURATION: 48 Hours

TIME: Take Home Exam

PAPER: 1

MARKS: 100 marks

SUBJECT CODE: ATL2A11, ATL2AA2

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THIS QUESTION PAPER CONSISTS OF 3 PAGES AND CONSISTS OF 2 SECTIONS (SECTION A and SECTION B).

INSTRUCTIONS:

- 1. Answer ALL THE QUESTIONS**
 - 2. Number your answers clearly**
 - 3. Answer section A and section B in separate WORD documents.**
 - 4. Format: Arial 12, 1.5 line spacing, fully justified.**
 - 5. Please include your name, surname and student number as a cover page in lieu of acknowledging the plagiarism declaration.**
 - 6. Please reference both in-text as well as include a reference list at the end of each section.**
 - 7. Please note that marks will be awarded to format, content, structure, language and the student's ability to create an argument.**
 - 8. Once you have completed this exam, please upload both section A and B under the turn-it-in links provided on Blackboard.**
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Section A

Section A

Please choose ONE of the following questions to write a response to:

- 1) Said believed that knowledge production about the Middle East was characterised by what he referred to as 'Orientalism'. In this essay, explain what Orientalism is, how it works, and finally, drawing on **EITHER** work on 'tribalism' **OR** work on witchcraft, how we might see similar practices of knowledge and power in anthropological writings and popular imaginations about Africa. (50)
 - 2) How do at least two anthropologists we read argue that colonialism impacted the history and practice of anthropology on the African continent. How might we recuperate the discipline in the contemporary moment according to Nyamnjoh and Gonçalves.
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Section B

Question 1: (Total 15 Marks – 5 marks for each of three paragraphs)

*Write short paragraphs (± 10 lines) on **three** of the following.*

1. Provide a brief description of the importance of philosophy of science to the humanities.
2. In your own words, explain what you understand by the term "middle range theory" when used in connection with trying to account for change in the past.
3. What are some of the weaknesses associated with scientific empiricism, as identified by the post-processual school of thought?
4. With reference to studies of symbolism and technology in the Middle Stone Age, describe the main focus of cognitive processualism.

Question 2: (35 Marks)

Answer the following compulsory question. You should use ethnographic examples from the course readings in your answer.

1. Ifi Amadiume has provided scathing critiques of the old 'masters' theories in anthropology. Critically unpack at least three of these theories, their contributions to the canon as well as their critiques.

Total: 50 marks