



MASENO UNIVERSITY

UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS 2012/2013

THIRD YEAR FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS FOR
THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF ARTS IN
ANTHROPOLOGY WITH INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
(CITY CAMPUS - EVENING)

**ASA 301: CONTEMPORARY ANTHROPOLOGICAL
THEORIES**

Date: 23rd July, 2013

Time: 5.30 – 7.30 p.m.

INSTRUCTIONS:

♦ Answer ANY THREE questions.....

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1. "The structure of human thought processes is the same in all cultures and these mental processes exist in the form of binary oppositions." Discuss. (23.3 Marks)
2. "Modern anthropology is built upon the work of earlier generations of theorists." Discuss the need to review these works. (23.3 Marks)
3. "Culture is viewed as an independent system of meaning deciphered by interpreting key symbols and rituals." Discuss. (23.3 Marks)
4. Citing examples, discuss Boas' demonstration that cultures may have similar traits for a variety of reasons. (23.3 Marks)
5. "Postmodernism was born as a challenge to several modernist themes that were first articulated during the enlightenment period." Discuss its primary tenets. (23.3 Marks)
6. "Individual cultures adapt to their specific environmental conditions."

With the use of examples, discuss Steward's ecological approach with regard to the above statement. (23.3 Marks)