



MASENO UNIVERSITY
UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS 2016/2017

**FIRST YEAR FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR DEGREE
OF BACHELOR OF ARTS IN SOCIOLOGY & ANTHROPOLOGY
WITH INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**

CITY CAMPUS - DAY

ASA 203: HISTORY OF ANTHROPOLOGICAL THOUGHT

Date: 4th December, 2016

Time: 9.00 - 12.00pm

INSTRUCTIONS:

- Answer ANY THREE Questions.



1. "To understand how anthropology has developed, we need to understand the movements that have shaped its historical trajectory." Discuss any **THREE** of these movements. (23.3 marks)
2. Examine the basic tenets of early evolutionist ideas about change and progress and account for why these ideas are not widely accepted in anthropological circles today. (23.3 marks)
3. "Societies are like organisms"; "Cultures are like texts." Discuss the ways in which anthropologists have made use of **ONE** of these ideas. (23.3 marks)
4. Identify and discuss **THREE** diffusionist schools of thought in anthropology and highlight their respective weaknesses. (23.3 marks)
5. (a) Explore the differences between sceptic and affirmative postmodernists. (11.3 marks)

(b) Explain any **FOUR** criticisms that have been levelled against postmodernism. (12 marks)
6. Discuss the advantage and disadvantages of analysing societies as structured around the issue of class inequalities. (23.3 marks)