



KENYATTA UNIVERSITY

UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS 2013/2014

MAY SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF ARTS

ASC 101: INTRODUCTION TO SOCIAL ANTHROPOLOGY

DATE: WEDNESDAY, 30TH JULY 2014

TIME: 11.00 A.M. – 1.00 P.M.

INSTRUCTIONS

Answer Question ONE and ANY OTHER TWO questions

- 1.a) Define anthropology, clearly delineating its branches. (10 marks)
- b) Explain the meaning of bride price, giving its functions in pre-colonial African society of your choice. (10 marks)
- c) Explain the purpose of incest taboos/regulations in African societies. (10 marks)
- 2.a) Using vivid examples explain the major rules of descent. (8 marks)
- b) Give four functions of descent groups. (12 marks)
- 3.a) Define Culture (2 marks)
- b) Explain the characteristics of culture. (7 marks)
- c) Discuss five functions of culture in society. (10 marks)
4. Using four concrete examples based on your experiences since joining Kenyatta University, distinguish between ideal and behavioral cultural patterns. (20 marks)
5. Explain the meaning of the following concepts
 - a) Cultural diffusion
 - b) Holism
 - c) Ethnology
 - d) Emipic