



## **MASENO UNIVERSITY**

### **UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS 2015/2016**

**THIRD YEAR FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS FOR THE DEGREE  
OF BACHELOR OF ARTS IN ANTHROPOLOGY WITH INFORMATION  
TECHNOLOGY**

### **CITY CAMPUS-REGULAR**

**ASA 301: CONTEMPORARY ANTHROPOLOGICAL THEORIES**

Date: 2<sup>nd</sup> December, 2015

Time: 2.00 - 4.00 pm

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#### **INSTRUCTIONS:**

- Answer ANY THREE questions.



**ASA 301: Contemporary anthropological theories (Regular, Kisumu Campus)**

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1. Discuss the Boasian critique of unilinear social evolutionism. (23.3 marks)
2. Describe the **TWO** broad postmodernist factions and examine the methodologies they advance. (23.3 marks)
3. In what ways have anthropologists applied Marxist principles to non-Western societies? Use the work of Meillassoux, Hindess and Hirst to illustrate your answer. (23.3 marks)
4. Explain the difference between structural and symbolic forms of violence and show the relevance of these two theories in the current Kenyan context. (23.3 marks)
5. Examine the basic tenets of functionalism and explain the reasons why the Manchester School and other anthropologists reacted against it. (23.3 marks)
6. To what extent has feminism and globalization influenced social policy in Kenya and elsewhere? (23.3 marks)