The following are possible questions for the final. Begin studying these now, if you have any questions about any of these questions come see me.

1. What is Unilineal Descent? Give a description of the two most common forms?

2. What are the two functions of Kinship systems? Explain how they are a function.

3. What are Cognatic Descent and Bilateral Descent? – Give an example of each.

4. What are the criteria for Kinship terminologies? – Give examples.

5. Compare and contrast the kin organization of the Tikopia and the Hopi.

6. In what ways are lineages similar to corporations?

7. List five of the six kinship terminology groups and give a brief description of each one.

8. How do the Hua of Papau New Guinea help you understand cultural construction of gender?


10. What are the biological and cultural reasons for Sexual Division of Labor?

11. What are the major influences of gender stratification? Give an example of each.

12. What is female circumcision – where is it practiced – is it practiced in the United States?

13. Compare and Contrast egalitarian systems of bands, tribes with the ranked system of chiefdoms. Give examples.

14. What are the three criteria to study political systems? Compare and contrast bands and tribes using these three criteria.

15. What are the three criteria to study political systems? Compare and contrast chiefdoms and states using these three criteria.
16. What is Familial social control and how does it help keep social order?

17. Contrast Courts of Mediation with Courts of Regulation.

18. How is religion connected with politics?

19. Give a definition and example of each of the Rites of Passages.

20. Compare and Contrast Shamans and Priests?

21. What are the theories of religion?

22. What powers do Sorcerer and Witches have? Is this religion?

23. What are the five differences between religion and magic?

24. Art and Religion are often intertwined, sometimes identical. Give some examples that this is true and explain the function.

25. Give a brief description of each of the body arts?


27. Explain what the book means about the Pervasiveness of Art.

28. Explain the major changes that made a global economy possible.

29. What are the negative aspects of a global economy?

30. What are the positive aspects of a global economy on culture according to The Fate of Culture by Tyler Cowen?

31. What is an ethnic group – what two attributes help define them?

32. What in general are indigenous people and why are anthropologist interested in their welfare?

33. What are the two main sides of the debate on the survival of the indigenous peoples?

34. What is local knowledge? Give an example of local knowledge’s contribution to the medical field and adaptive wisdom.

35. Explain Global Apartheid and how it affects the world.