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Assignment for students taking common course in Social Anthropology Attempt the following 3 questions (10 marks each)

1. Write the definition and purpose of anthropology together with its focus of interest [write it in not more than one page]

[in writing the definition and purpose of the discipline: use the module for social anthropology as main guide]

[give due attention to the following probing points: define what anthropology is ; describe the sub disciplines of anthropology, and their focus of Interest; common features they have; what benefit does studying anthropology have to our country].

2. Describe common types of marriage practice in your respective community? [the description is to be written with no more than one page. Give attention to the following probing points in writing your essay.

[what types of marriage are there, how marriage is arranged in each marriage types, rules related to marriage (e.g. age of groom and bride, whom to marry and not to marry); how feast is organized, who makes gifts to whom as part of the marriage agreement]

3. Describe types of conflict and related traditional ways of conflict resolution in your respective community? [write them in a single page]

[Consider the following points in writing the essay: what different cause of conflict in your community, what types of traditional conflict resolution mechanisms, strategies to implement decisions in conflict resolution]

