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**SEMESTER 1 EXAMINATIONS 2001
ARCHAEOLOGY**

**AR 331
MATERIAL CULTURE AND SOCIAL CHANGE**

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**Time allowed: three hours
ANSWER TWO QUESTIONS**

1. Discuss the relationship between the use of theory inside and outside academia. Outline the recent history of theory in Anglo-American archaeology in the light of your discussion.
2. What contribution did structural Marxism play in the emergence of post-processual archaeology? Use two case studies to illustrate your answer.
3. What is structuralism and how have archaeologists used this theory? What are the main problems encountered in the use of this theoretical framework? Explain your answer with reference to a case study in archaeology.
4. Is material culture like a text? Critically outline the theoretical background to post-structuralism and illustrate your answer with a case study in archaeology.
5. What effect has the use of postmodern theories in archaeology had on a) archaeological writing or b) fieldwork? Illustrate your answer with at least one example.
6. Has recent theoretical work made any difference to a) the nature and status of women's work in Archaeology and b) the interpretation of gender relations in prehistory?
7. Discuss the emergence of 'the politics of the past' as an area of debate within and beyond archaeology. Was and is post-processualism the only contributing factor to the emergence and development of this sort of work in Archaeology?