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AUTUMN EXAMINATIONS 2002
ARCHAEOLOGY

AR 331
MATERIAL CULTURE AND SOCIAL CHANGE

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Time allowed: *three* hours

ANSWER *THREE* QUESTIONS

1. Is material culture like a language? Explain your answer with reference to theoretical background and a case study in archaeology.
2. What is the relationship between the use of theory inside and outside academia?
3. Critically outline the theoretical background to post-structuralism and illustrate your answer with a case study in archaeology.
4. What have been the effects of feminist work in archaeology?
5. Discuss the emergence of 'the politics of the past' as an area of debate within and beyond archaeology. What was the role of non-archaeologists in this?