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ANT101: Introduction to Anthropology

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Total Marks: 20

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#### **Answer any two (10X2=20)**

1. How are agency and structures linked? How does that transform culture? Explain using an example from your own life experiences. (5+5)
2. Read the excerpt: "A college student has become a symbol of resistance in India's Karnataka state, where religious tensions are rising over the right to wear religious clothing to school. Muskan Khan was attempting to hand in a college assignment in the city of Mandya when she was accosted by a group of Hindu men wearing saffron scarves -- the color of India's ruling Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) -- according to video posted to social media. 'They were not allowing me to go inside, just because I was carrying the burqa,' she told local outlet channel NDTV. Khan had covered her head with a hijab, an Islamic headscarf, and was wearing a religious dress. The men heckle her as she makes her way across the school grounds, demanding she take off her face covering, but instead

of complying, Khan shouts back 'Allahu Akbar' as she punches her fist in the air." (Feb 15, 2022: Rhea Mogul, Manveena Suri and Swati Gupta, CNN)

Based on the case above mentioned, what do you think "ethnocentrism" is? Why do you think there are possibilities of many "ethnocentric" views in one society? How do you think any majority (i.e. religion, nationality, gender) possibly generate "ethnocentric" prejudices?

Explain with examples "ethnocentric" prejudices you have observed in your own society. (2+2+2+4=10)

3. Whether transition from agricultural society to industrialization has impacted family patterns in Bangladesh? If so, what kind of transformations has your family gone through to cope up with above mentioned changes over the generations? (5+5)

#### ASSESSMENT CRITERIA:

- Subject comprehension: 40%
- Content (use of readings, lectures, other material): 30%
- Critical analysis: 20%
- Writing (see **Answer structure** above; presentation/style; referencing): 10%