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Instructions: Answer Question ONE and any other TWO Questions
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- Q1. a) African culture is a people's way of life. Discuss. **(20 marks)**
- b) African traditional religion is found in the African belief systems. Explain with examples. **(10 marks)**
- Q2. Loko's daughter was born lame and with blurred vision. Her great grandmother had the same defects. Later the family experienced several untimely deaths of people and animals, object poverty and unending sicknesses and illnesses. From an African point of view:
- a) Interpret this situation for Loko
- b) Propose ways of normalizing the situation. **(20 marks)**
- Q3. Name five different types of rituals in your ethnic community and discuss in details one of them. **(20 marks)**
- Q4. Africans believe in the power of inherent in names and words. Citing practical examples from various communities, explain these two elements. **(20 marks)**
- Q5. Analyze the following forms of mystical power.
- a) Witchcraft **(5 marks)**
- b) Magic **(5 marks)**
- c) Blessings **(5 marks)**
- d) Curses **(5 marks)**

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