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**MID TERM ASSIGNMENT**

 **Attempt all Questions**

**NOTE: ANSWERS SHOULD NOT BE MORE THAN 3 LINES,**

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| **Q1**: What are some things that define a culture? (03)  |
| Answer: Culture is the characteristics and knowledge of a particular group of people, defined by |
| everything from language, religion, cuisine, social habits, music and arts. Culture holds religion,  |
| food, what we wear, how we wear it, our language, marriage, music, what we believe is right or |

wrong, how we sit at the table, how we greet visitors, how we behave, and many other things.

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| **Q2**: What do you think is interesting about your culture? (03)  |
| Answer: There are many interesting things about my culture which is “PASHTOON” culture. But |
| most interesting things are our “HUJRA” system. In which there is only male where our jirga’s  |
| held and we also celebrate our weddings and many other things like music which we called “RABAB MANGE”. |

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| **Q3**: Why do you think culture is important? (03)  |
| Answer: The main difference between the animal and human societies is of culture only becaus |
| culture is the defining element of any and every human society. If a society is successful, then  |
| it’s because of its culture, if it’s not doing well it’s because of its culture. Numbers don't really  |

enter into it, vast numbers of a given culture can still lose, because the cultural basis is corrupt and/or perverse.

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| **Q4**: What culture besides your own do you admire? Why? (03)  |
| Answer: I admire Italian culture, because of the great food & beautiful language. And very few  |
| countries can match Italy's long history of architecture, paintings, music, luxury cars, & of course |
| the Roman Empire. |

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| **Q5**: Do you think "when in Rome, do as the Romans do" is always good advice? Why or why not? Have you ever been in a situation where you felt you had to "do as the Romans do"? (03)  |
| Answer: I do believe it's the respectful thing to *do* as the Romans do. It basically means that. |
| when in a situation that what you consider ‘normal’ isn't to others, you should adapt to their  |
| norms and values. |

Yes, I had a situation like that when I was outside of my village I normally wear jeans etc. but

when I return to my village jeans were not the normal dress of them so I do as the Romans do

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| **Q6**: If you could change one thing about your culture, what would it be? (03)  |
| Answer: In “PASHTUN” culture, when their is enmity between two families so to remove the  |
| enmity between them they give **vani(sawra)** to one of them so if I could change one thing  |
| about my culture that would be **vani** |

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| **Q7**: What are the five most important values of your culture? (03)  |
| Answer: Culture values are the core principles and ideals upon which entire community exists. |
| The most important values of our culture are Religion, Pashto language, Pashtun dress, food,  |
| music and dance. |

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| **Q8**: What is considered rude in your culture? (03)  |
| Answer: Never insult a Pashtun in public. This is highly disrespectful and considered rude. |
| Stand to greet a person when they enter a room. It is considered rude to sit with one's |
| legs outstretched. |

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| **Q9**: Have you ever experienced culture shock?(03)  |
| Answer: yes, I experienced culture shock when one of my family elder enter to room and I greet  |
| him with one’s legs outstretched instead of standing. |
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| **Q10**: If you could choose three aspects of your culture to put in a "time box" for the future, what would you put in it? (03)  |
| Answer: Three aspects to put in a time box for future from our Pashtun culture are hospitality,  |

bravery and candour.