

Questions on the Sahlins Reading
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1. What does Sahlins mean by culture?
2. How does the role of culture in Sahlins' theory differ from that in Weber? In Polanyi? In Marx?
3. How does Sahlins view the distinction between the political and the economic realms in liberal theory? Between the base and the superstructure in Marx?
4. How would Sahlins define capitalism? Primitive society?
5. What are the two structuralisms?
6. What are the two Marxisms?
7. What is the role (status) of history in cultural theories? How is that expressed in the extended discussion of Paris in 1968, p 18-19.