

Corrigé Type –Abrégé-

1) Define culture, give its characteristics then give how it is enriched. (10 pts)

Culture is a sum of elements innate and aquired which make the human distinct and distinctive from his peers.

The characteristics of culture are:

- 1) Most cultural elements are learnt.
- 2) It is shared and collective.
- 3) A culture is enriched.
- 4) It is changing and dynamic.

It can be enriched through:

1. Reading
2. Marriage
3. War

II) How does culture influence communication? Justify.

Speech communities using different linguistic codes interact seeking understanding .Humans are different according to the cultural elements they share, when communicating the elements making them distinctive intervene to shape interaction and exchange ideas ,they produce meaning and intentions through verbal and non verbal languages. Intercultural communication is based and coding and decoding messages which appear under different linguistic manifestations. Stereotypes, meaning production, mindfulness and cultural contexts (high context cultures and low context cultures), moreover the assumptions of similarities is the key corner of seeking understanding.

Culture shapes communication; it influences it through creation clarity or confusion which lead either to understanding or to misunderstanding.

Remark: Be precise. Avoid generalisation. Use the space left. Good Luck .Lecturer: M KOUDDÉD