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Q6(b)**Critically discuss how culture determines human behaviour in the light of Leslie White's theory**

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Leslie White (1943)

Proposed the energy theory of cultural evolution in his seminal paper 'Energy and the Evolution of Culture'.

The Evolution of Culture (1959)

White's major work detailing the thermodynamic formulation and the three subsystems of culture.

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