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ANTHROPOLOGY

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TOPIC WISE TREND ANALYSIS OF QUESTIONS



TOPIC 1



1.1 Topic

Meaning, scope and development of Anthropology

1. Anthropology studies at the "micro" level, but aims at "macro" level theory. Elaborate.

(1982)

2. Anthropology is a source of values. Substantiate.

(1982)

3. Analyse the comparative method of the nineteenth century anthropology and its limitations as to the nature and purpose of social-cultural anthropology.

(1983)

4. Man has made himself. Justify.

(1982)

5. Discuss how Anthropology is concerned with common humanity and universal values.

(1983)

6. Distinguish between : Applied and action anthropology.

(1984)

7. Examine the influence of the humanistic tradition on the growth and development of anthropology.

(1985)

8. Write a note on Anthropology in the service of humanity.

(1987)

(1990)

9. Write a note on Ethnography.

10. What stage is known as incipient stage of food production? Point out major features of this cultural stage. Illustrate your answer with suitable examples from a specific area in the old world.

(2010)

11. Critically examine the role of anthropology in contemporary India.

(2014)

12. Define Anthropology. Describe the major branches of Anthropology elaborating on any one branch.

(2017 / 20 Marks)

13. Write a note in 150 words on the relevance of Anthropology.

(2018 / 10 Marks)

14. Elaborate the scope of anthropology and elucidate its uniqueness in the field of other social sciences.

(2021 / 20 Marks)

15. "Anthropology is the systematic, objective and holistic study of human kind in all times and places". Elaborate the argument.

(2022 / 20 Marks)

1.2

Relationship with other disciplines:

History, Economics, Sociology, Psychology, Political Science, Life Sciences, Medical Science, Earth Science and Humanities

1. Identify the controversies around the relation between History and Social Anthropology.

(1981)

2. Is Anthropology science and humanity. Converge. Exemplify. **(1982)**

3. Assess the relative strength of Anthropological techniques for scientific study in social sciences.

(1983)

4. Write a note in 200 words on the relation of Anthropology to the social sciences.

(1985)

5. Write a note on relationship between Social Anthropology and History.

(1986)

6. Do you regard Social Anthropology as a Social Science or a humanistic discipline? Give reasons for your answer.

(1986)

7. Write a note on Prehistoric Anthropology and its relation to other science.

(1987)

8. Write a note on Psychological Anthropology.

(1988)

9. Write a note on relationship between Social Anthropology and History.

(1989)

10. Discuss the relationship of Anthropology with Psychology and Medicine.

(1999)

11. Write a note in 150 words on how do you situate Anthropology in Social Sciences?

(2013)

12. Differentiate between Economics and Economic Anthropology. **(2013)**

13. Write a note in 150 words on differences between Social Anthropology and Sociology.

(2016)

1.3

Main branches of Anthropology, their scope and relevance:

(a) Social-cultural Anthropology
(b) Biological Anthropology
(c) Archaeological Anthropology
(d) Linguistic Anthropology

1. Discuss the comparative method of cultural evolutionists, diffusionists and modern Social Anthropologists.

(1982)

2. Does structuralism in Social Anthropology coincide with that in linguistics? Critically assess their analogy.

(1983)

3. What are the common aspects of Structural Anthropology and Linguistics?

(1985)

4. Discuss the types of comparison in Social Anthropology. **(1985)**

(1985)

5. Write a note on Empiricism in Social Anthropology.

(1985)

6. Write a note on New Physical Anthropology.

7. Bring out the merits and demerits of different contributions on the methods of comparison in Social-Cultural Anthropology.
(1988)

8. Write a note on Theme of Linguistic Anthropology. **(1989)**

9. Write a note on New Physical Anthropology. **(1989)**

(1990)

10. Write a note on Linguistic Anthropology.

(1990)

11. Write a note on recent trends in Psychological Anthropology. **(1991)**

12. Write a note on Classical Physical Anthropology.

13. Discuss the merits and demerits of different methods of comparison used in social-cultural anthropology.
(1991)

14. Write a note on Archaeological Anthropology. **(1992)**

15. Write an essay on the aims and scope of Applied Anthropology with special reference to India.
(1992)

16. Write a note on Social and Cultural Anthropology. **(1994)**

17. Write a note on Action Anthropology. **(1995)**

(1996)

18. Write a note on Medical Anthropology.

19. What is cognitive approach? Critically examine its implications in Socio- cultural Anthropology.

(1996)

20. Write a note on Action Anthropology. **(1999)**

21. Write a note on Biological Anthropology. **(2002)**

22. Write a note on the "The bio-cultural approach is the hallmark of Biological Anthropology." Explain. **(2021 / 10 Marks)**

23. Write a note on Linguistic Anthropology. **(2013)**

24. Write a note on major subdivisions of Anthropology. **(2014)**

(2015)

25. Write a note on Archaeological Anthropology.

26. Give an account of the field methods used in the study of Archaeological Anthropology. **(2018)**

27. Write a note on the relationship between Linguistics and Social-Cultural Anthropology. **(2018)**

28. How can synergising the core branches of Anthropology reinvigorate the holistic spirit of the discipline? **(2020)**

29. Mention the major branches of linguistic Anthropology and discuss language use in social cultural settings. **(2021)**

30. Write a note on Scope and relevance of Social and Cultural Anthropology. **(2023)**

1.4

Human Evolution and Emergence of Man:

Biological and cultural factors in human evolution. Theories of Organic Evolution (pre -Darwinian, Darwinian and Post-Darwinian) Synthetic theory of evolution; Brief outline of terms and concepts of evolutionary biology (Doll's rule, Cope's rule, Gause's rule, parallelism, convergence, adaptive radiation, mosaic evolution)

1. Has biological evolution caused in man? Briefly substantiate your answer. **(1981)**

2. Discuss the synthetic theory of human evolution. How does it differ from Darwinism? **(1981)**

3. Human evolution has cultural dimensions. Elaborate. **(1982)**

4. Socio-cultural evolution is not parallel to biological evolution in man. Substantiate. **(1983)**

5. Microevolution has not ceased. Comment. **(1983)**

6. Darwinism is not adequate to explain human evolution. Critically examine the view. **(1983)**

7. Distinguish between Lamarckism and Darwinism. **(1984)**

8. Distinguish between: Macro-evolution and Micro-evolution. **(1984)**

9. Discuss the inter-relation of biological and cultural dimensions in human evolution.

(1984)

10. Write a note on theory of organic evolution. **(1985)**

11. Write a note on biological evolution and concept of new Physical Anthropology.

(1986)

12. Write a note on Lamarckism and Darwinism. **(1986)**

13. Write a note on relationship between cultural evolution and biological evolution.

(1986)

14. 'Evolution is biological and cultural'. Discuss. **(1987)**

15. How is Darwinism different from Lamarckism? Critically evaluate their contribution to synthetic theory of evolution.

(1987)

16. Give a critical account of the processes of organic evolution, and explain how they contribute to speciation.

17. Elucidate the "Theory of Evolution" as put forward by Lamarck.

18. Write a note on meaning of biological and socio-cultural evolution.

19. Write a note on Micro evolution.

20. Write a note on Synthetic theory of evolution.

21. Evolution is biological and socio-cultural. Discuss.

(1988)

(1990)

(1989)

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22. Write a note on Social-cultural evolution.

(1991)

23. What is organic evolution? Describe the theories of organic evolution.

(1991)

24. Discuss the contemporary trends in evolutionary studies.

(1992)

(1992)

25. Write a note on Synthetic theory of evolution.

(1992)

26. What is organic evolution? Give evidences for human evolution.

27. What is Synthetic Theory of Evolution? Discuss how this theory helps us in understanding the evolutionary mechanism.

(1993)

28. How Darwinism differs from the synthetic theory of organic evolution?

(1994)

29. Discuss the geographic distribution and taxonomic issues concerning early hominids. Elucidate evidence in support of alternative positions.

(1996)

30. Write a note on biological evolution of early man.

(1997)

31. Write a note on molecular evolution.

(1999)

(2002)

32. What is organic evolution? Explain the theories of evolution.

33. Discuss the modern theory of evolution with special reference to the concepts of gradualism and punctuationalism.

(2008)

34. What are the major craniofacial changes that occurred during Hominid

evolution? Discuss.

(2010)

35. Critically examine the synthetic theory of human evolution. **(2010)**

(2011)

36. Write a note in 150 words on Synthetic theory.

37. Discuss how Neo-Darwinism integrated the fields of Genetics and Evolution.

(2013)

38. Elucidate the biological and cultural factors in Human Evolution. **(2015)**

39. Critically examine Darwin's theory of evolution in understanding evolution.

(2015)

40. Elucidate the biological and cultural factors in Human Evolution.

(2016)

41. Write a note in 150 words on Advanced Molecular Anthropology Techniques.

(2018)

42. Write a note in 150 words on implications of mutation in evolution. **(2019)**

43. Elucidate how Darwin and Post-Darwin theories of evolution resulted in the development of Synthetic theory of evolution.

(2020)

44. Explain the genetic mechanisms of micro and macro evolution. **(2021)**

45. Critically discuss the synergistic effect of biological and cultural factors in human evolution. **(2024)**

1.5

Characteristics of Primates;

Evolutionary trend and primate Taxonomy; Primate Adaptations (Arboreal and Terrestrial) Primate Taxonomy; Primate Behaviour; Tertiary and Quaternary fossil primates; Living Major Primates; Comparative Anatomy of Man and Apes; Skeletal changes due to erect posture and its implications

1. Discuss how man is unique primate. **(1981)**

2. Man has not descended from monkeys. Justify. **(1982)**

3. Discuss the claim of India to be the cradle land of mankind with references to fossil evidences. **(1983)**

4. Living anthropoid apes are our distant cousins. Discuss. **(1983)**

5. Give a brief account of the distribution and physical features of the Asiatic Anthropoid apes. **(1985)**

6. Discuss the evolution of primates with special reference to dentition. **(1986)**

7. What are different fossil primates of the Palaeocene and Eocene times? Discuss critically the contribution of these primates to human origin. **(1986)**

8. Write a note on Anthropoid apes.

9. Write a note on characters of primates.

10. Why is man included in the Primate order? Discuss in detail.

(1988)

(1987)

(1989)

11. Why is man a primate? Describe the place of man in the animal kingdom.

(1991)

12. What are the characteristic physical features of the Primate? Show the position of man among the other Primates in a tabular form.

(1992)

13. Write a note on Anthropoid apes.

(1992)

14. Discuss similarities and differences between chimpanzee and man in salient physical and anatomical characteristics.

(1993)

15. Describe the various way of getting mate in primitive society. Give examples from Indian context.

(1994)

16. Write a note on Primate.

(1994)

17. Narrate with reasons 'man's place in Primate order'.

(1994)

(1995)

18. Write a note on Adaptive tradition in primates.

19. Discuss primate locomotion with special reference to adaptations to arboreal life.

(1996)

20. Discuss the Gradualist view of evolutionary change vis-a-vis the Punctuationalist view giving an example from Primate evolution that supports one view or the other.

(1997)

21. 'Man can stand erect while anthropoid apes cannot'. Discuss the anatomical changes that occurred in man due to erect posture.

(1998)

22. Describe the range of locomotive behavior of contemporary non-human primates and state how does it help in understanding the structural- functional correlations of their limb structure.

(2000)

23. List the major skeletal modifications in humans due to assumption of erect posture.

(2009)

24. 'Man is a primate.' Discuss.

(2011)

25. Compare and contrast the skull of gorilla and man. **(2012)**

26. Write a note in 150 words on Adaptive tradition in context of evolution.

(2012)

27. Write a note in 150 words on role of primatology in Anthropological studies.

(2013)

28. Elucidate the skeletal differences between humans and chimpanzees.

(2014)

29. Explain the skeletal changes due to erect posture and their implications.

(2016)

30. Bring out the comparative anatomical features of man and apes. Discuss their evolutionary significance.

(2017)

31. Explain the biological changes that made human beings capable of making culture.

(2018)

32. Discuss the evolutionary significance of bipedalism and erect posture.

(2019)

33. Write a note on the Adaptive primate radiation.

(2019)

34. Write a note on the Jane Goodall's contributions in studying primate behaviour

(2020)

35. Illustrate with examples the various types of locomotion patterns among the non- human primates.

(2020)

36. Write a note on the losses and gains of erect posture. **(2021)**

37. Discuss different forms of primate social organisation. **(2022)**

1.6

Phylogenetic status, characteristics and geographical distribution of the following:

(a) Plio - preliestocene fossil primates- Oreopithecus,

(b) South and East African hominids-Plesianthropus/ Australopithecus, Africaus, Paranthropus, Australopithecus,

(c) Paranthropus-Homo erectus-Homo erectus javanicus, Homo erectus pekinensis,

(d) Homo heidelbergensis,

(e) Neanderthal man-La- chapelle-aus-saints (Classical type), Mt. Carmeli types (Progressive type),

(f) Rhodesian man,

(g) Homo sapiens- Cromagnon, Grimaldi and Chancelede

1. "Homo erectus was too specialized to have been the direct ancestor of Home sapiens." Discuss.

(1981)

2. Dryopithecus holds the clue for human origin. Discuss. **(1982)**

3. Homo sapiens neanderthalensis was less capable than Homo sapiens to survive. Critically examine the views.

(1982)

4. Homo erectus was not the earliest erect man of prehistoric times. Justify.

(1983)

5. Distinguish between: Homo sapiens and Homo neanderthalensis.

(1984)

(1984)

6. Determine the phylogenetic position of Homo-erectus.

7. What do you understand by the term 'Homo sapiens'? Give an account of the distribution and physical features of the earliest fossil Homo sapiens.

(1985)

8. Write a note on Homo sapiens sapiens and Homo sapiens neanderthalensis.

(1986)

9. Discuss the spatial distribution, physical features, cultural status or origin of Australopithecines.

(1987)

10. Discuss the different types of evidence of the Pithecanthropus, and give a critical appraisal of their place in human evolution in the light of latest discoveries in Africa.

(1988)

11. Write a note on morphological character of Homo erectus.

(1989)

(1989)

12. Write what you know about Homo sapiens and Neanderthalensis.

13. Discuss the origin of Australopethecines. Describe their spatial distribution and growth and development.

(1990)

14. Write a note on La Chapelle-aux-Saints. **(1991)**

15. Write a note on Ramapithecus.

(1991)

16. Compare the fossil remains of 'Progressive' and 'Classic' Neanderthal man for anatomical characteristics and spatial distribution. Examine their phylogenetic position in human evolution.

(1993)

17. Write a note on Homo sapiens neanderthalensis.

(1994)

(1995)

18. Write a note on Homo erectus finds from Africa.

(1996)

19. Write a note on Homo sapiens sapiens.

20. Discuss the question of single sources vs. multiple sources of the origin of Homo sapiens. Which one of the two hypotheses do you think is more tenable? Give reasons in support of your answer.

21. Write a note on Homo habilis.

22. Write a note on Pithecanthropus erectus.

23. Write a note on Australopithecus.

24. Write a note on Fossil men.

25. Write a note on Erect Posture.

26. Write a note on Homo erectus.

27. Write a note on Neanderthal Man.

(1995)

(1997)

(1998)

(1999)

(1999)

(2001)

(2003)

(2004)

28. Write a note on Australopithecus. **(2005)**

29. Write a note on Rhodesian man. **(2006)**

30. Write a note on Homo erectus. **(2007)**

31. Write a note on Homo habilis. **(2009)**

32. Distinguish between major categories of Australopithecines. How are Australo- pithecines different from Apes? **(2009)**

33. Write a note in 150 words on culture of Homo erectus. **(2010)**

34. Why are Neanderthals called premodern humans? The Upper Palaeolithic period provides evidence of their coexistence with modern man. Discuss. **(2010)**

35. Write a note in 150 words on Neanderthal man. **(2011)**

36. Describe major skeletal similarities and differences between Homo erectus and Homo sapiens. **(2011)**

37. Comment briefly on the phylogenetic position of Austrolopithecines. **(2012)**

38. Write a note on Asian Homo erectus. **(2014)**

39. Describe the salient characteristics and geographical distribution of Homo erectus.

Rhodesian Man

40. Write a note on

(2015)

(2016)

41. Describe the culture related to Homo erectus.

(2018)

42. "Europeans are closer to Neanderthals". Critically discuss in view of the African origin of humankind.

(2019)

43. Write a note on
Olduvai Gorge.

(2019)

44. Critically evaluate the contesting theories of the emergence and dispersal of modern Homo Sapiens.

(2020)

45. What are the physical and cultural characteristics of Homo erectus? Discuss its phylogenetic status.

(2021)

46. Should we still distinguish between 'classic' and 'progressive' Neanderthals? Discuss the controversy surrounding Neanderthal's position in human evolution

(2022)

47. Discuss major species of Australopithecus discovered from South and East Africa. Describe the discovery, physical features and significance of Taung baby.

(2023)

48. What is hominization process? Discuss the major trends in human evolution with the help of suitable examples and illustrations.

(2023)

49. Discuss the geographical distribution of Homo erectus. Taking into account its physical features, where does it fit in human evolutionary line?

(2024)

1.7

The biological basis of life:

The Cell, DNA structure and Replication, Protein Synthesis, Gene, Mutation, Chromosomes and Cell Division

1. Give an outline of the anthropological perspective of genetics and critically evaluate the genetic significance of meiotic cell division. **(1988)**

2. Write a note on Genes. **(1992)**

3. Write a note on Protein Synthesis. **(2008)**

4. Write a note on Thrifty genotype. **(2009)**

5. Write a note on Gene expression **(2023)**

1.8

(a) Principles of Pre-historic Archaeology, Chronology, Relative and Absolute Datings Methods,

(b) Cultural Evolution - Broad Outlines of Pre-historic cultures: Paleolithic, Mesolithic, Neolithic, Chalcolithic, Copper Bronze Age and Iron Age

1. Write a note on Chronometric dating methods. **(1995)**

2. What is the Neolithic phase of culture in Europe called revolution? Describe its distinctive features. **(1995)**

3. Write a note on radiometric methods of dating fossils. **(1996)**

4. Write a note on problems of dating in Prehistoric Archaeology. **(1997)**

5. Neolithic is a self-sufficient food producing economy. Critically examine this expression.

(1998)

6. Write a note on Carbon dating method.

(1999)

7. Write a note on Copper-Bronze Age.

(2000)

8. Write a note on Neolithic Culture.

(2002)

9. Write a note on Chalcolithic Culture.

(2004)

10. Write a note on Microlith.

(2005)

11. Write a note on Lower Paleolithic Culture.

(2006)

12. Write a note on Neolithic culture.

(2007)

13. Write a note on Importance of chronology in prehistory.

(2010)

14. Write a note on Relative dating methods.

(2012)

15. Write a note on Carbon - 14 method of dating.

(2013)

16. Give a broad outline of Paleolithic culture emphasizing upon its tool technology.

(2013)

17. Describe the absolute dating methods in archaeology, highlighting the importance of each method.

(2014)

18. Describe the Neolithic culture of India. **(2014)**

19. Write a note on Paleolithic culture. **(2015)**

(2016)

20. Delineate the salient features of Chalcolithic cultures. **(2016)**

21. Write a note on Neolithic Cultures of India. **(2017)**

22. Write a note on salient features of Mesolithic culture.

23. What are dating methods? Discuss one absolute method and one relative method in detail.

(2017)

24. Give an account of the consequences of food production of Neolithic culture.

(2018)

25. Describe the principles of radiocarbon dating. Mention its limitations.

(2018)

26. Write a note on Relative Dating Methods.

(2019)

27. Discuss briefly the major traditions in the Upper Paleolithic culture of Europe.

(2019)

28. Write notes on the Natufian culture. **(2020)**

29. Differentiate between Lower Palaeolithic culture and Middle Palaeolithic culture with suitable examples.

(2020)

30. Write a note on the Thermoluminescence (TL) dating. **(2021)**

31. Describe the features of early farming cultures and Neolithic of the near East.

(2021)

32. Discuss the salient features of different traditions of European Mesolithic, culture.

(2021)

33. Write a note on the Mesolithic rock art in Indian subcontinent. **(2022)**

34. Discuss with suitable examples the typo- technological problems in Indian palaeolithic industry with reference to environmental hypotheses.

(2022)

35. Enumerate the evidence of animal domestication in Indian microlithic industry.

(2022)

36. Write a note on Cultural impact of Iron Age. **(2023)**

37. Discuss the Paleolithic environment in light of available evidences with special reference to India.

(2023)

38. Identify the major Mesolithic sites and describe the typo-technological features with special reference to India.

(2023)

39. Write a note on Prehistoric significance of Rakhigarhi.

(2023)

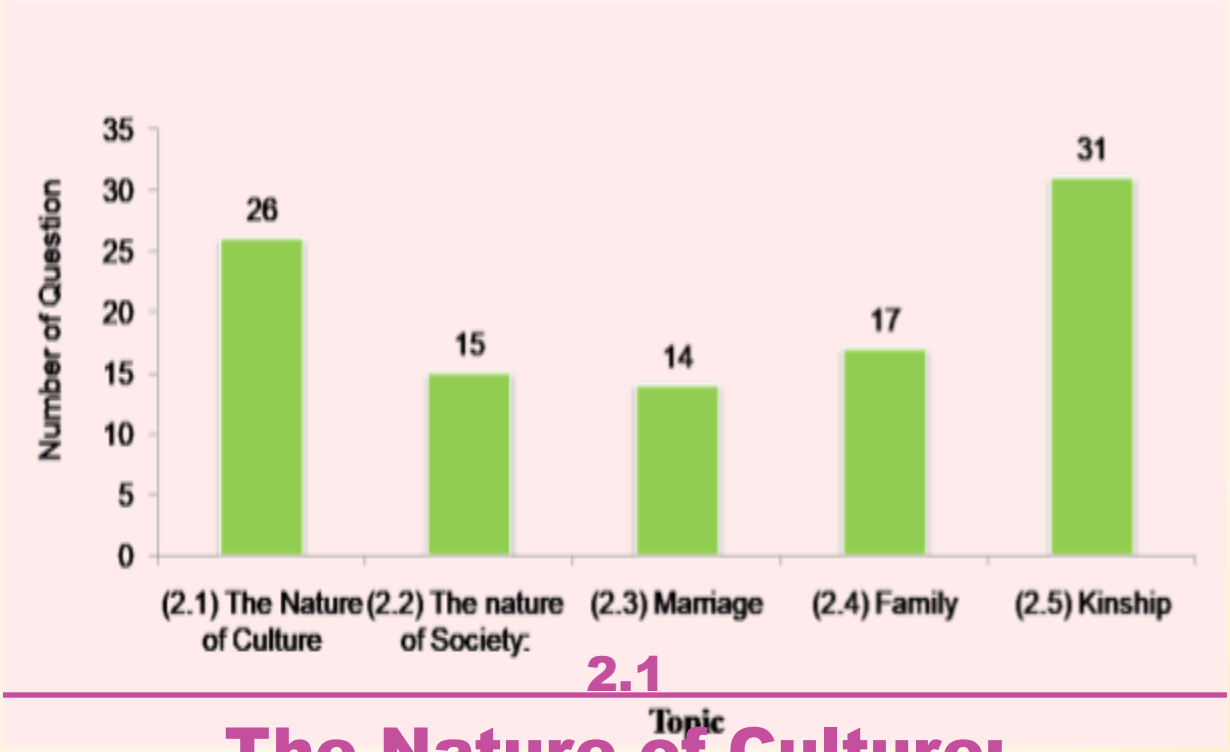
40. Write a note on Harappan maritime trade. **(2024)**

41. Describe the evidences of food production and domestication of animals with special reference to Mehrgarh. Throw light on its significance. **(2024)**

42. Discuss the Acheulian and Oldowan traditions of Indian Paleolithic cultures with suitable illustrations. **(2024)**

43. Write a note on Chronometric dating methods. **(2024)**

TOPIC 2



2.1 Topic

The Nature of Culture:

The concept and characteristics of culture and civilization; Ethnocentrism vis-a-vis Cultural Relativism

1. Indicate the implications of culture relativism for applied Anthropology. **(1981)**

2. All cultures are hybrid. Substantiate. **(1982)**

3. Civilization is a special development of culture. Elaborate. **(1983)**

4. What is cultural relativism? Evaluate its importance for the development of comparative method in Social Anthropology. **(1984)**

5. Write a note on Cultural relativism.

(1987)

6. How does culture differ from civilization? Describe the attributes of culture.

(1987)

7. What do you understand by 'norms and values'? Discuss their anthropological perspective and relevance in the context of contemporary times.

(1988)

8. Write a note on Culture as construct or reality. **(1989)**

9. What do you understand by 'norms and values'? Discuss their anthropological perspective and relevance in contemporary times.

(1990)

10. Write a note on Culture and civilization. **(1991)**

11. What do you understand by 'norms and values'. Write briefly on cultural relativism.

(1992)

12. Write a note on Norms and Values. **(1993)**

(1995)

13. Write a note on Cultural relativism.

14. What is cultural change? How did the Austro-German school put up the scheme of cultural change?

(1995)

15. Write a note on Acculturation and contra-acculturation. **(1997)**

16. Elucidate the various concepts of social and cultural changes indicating the specific problems involved in the change process.

(1997)

17. Write a note on Culture trait and Culture complex. **(1999)**

18. Write a note on Culture Area & Age Area. **(2000)**

19. 'Components of culture are vast and varied'. Explain this statement. **(2002)**

20. Write a note on Cultural relativism and subsequent violation of human rights. **(2010)**

21. Bring out the distinguishing features of culture and civilization. **(2013)**

22. Why has the concept of Cultural Relativism been so dear to anthropologists? **(2013)**

23. Is culture unique to human beings? Critically examine. **(2014)**

24. Write a note on Cultural Relativism. **(2016)**

(2019)

25. Write a note on Cultural Relativism. **(2020)**

26. Write a note on Human rights and Cultural relativism **(2023)**

26. Write a note on William Ogburn and Cultural Lag **(2023)**

27. Attributes of culture **(2024)**

2.2

The Nature of Society:

Concept of Society, Society and Culture, Social institutions, Social groups and Social stratification

1. Write a note on differences between temporary groups and permanent groups.

(1986)

2. Write a note on Group and Association.

(1992)

(1993)

3. Write a note on Social institution.

4. Critically assess the role of ethnography in the development of anthropological theories.

(1997)

5. Write a note on components of cultures and its link with civilization.

(1997)

(1999)

6. Write a note on Social structure.

7. Write a note on Social stratification.

(2000)

8. Explain the concept of Status and Role in Anthropology.

(2012)

(2012)

9. What are the bases of social stratification? Discuss with examples.

10. Define Status and Role. Distinguish between Ascribed and Achieved Status.

(2014)

11. Write a note in 150 words on Society and Culture.

(2015)

12. Define ethnography and present a brief history of ethnographic studies.

(2018)

13. Discuss social stratification according to any three major approaches.

(2019)

14. Discuss Erving Goffman's concept of total institutions and its relevance in contemporary society.

(2020)

15. Critically evaluate different types of social stratifications with suitable examples.

(2021)

16. Examine critically the concept of social stratification as a basis for sustaining social inequality.

(2024)

2.3

Marriage

Definition and universality; Laws of marriage (endogamy, exogamy, hypergamy, hypogamy, incest taboo); Types of marriage (monogamy, polygamy, polyandry, group marriage). Functions of marriage; Marriage regulations (preferential, prescriptive and proscriptive); Marriage payments (bride wealth and dowry)

1. "Marriage payments are an example of reciprocity between two social groups." Elaborate.

(1981)

2. Marriage institution is found in all societies and at all times. Discuss.

(1982)

(1983)

3. Incest is universally the basis of enduring family. Comment.

4. Endogamy and preferential marriage are characteristic of closed societies. Discuss.

(1983)

5. What are the various forms of preferential mating? Explain with Indian examples.

(1986)

6. Define Marriage. Describe its different forms with suitable examples as prevalent among the tribal people of India. Point out the functions of marriage.

(1989)

7. Describe the problems of universal definition of marriage. Describe the different forms of marriage among the tribal people of India.

(1991)

8. Write a note on Incest Taboos. **(2006)**

9. Write a note on ways of acquiring a spouse in simpler societies. **(2012)**

10. Where do you situate 'live-in relationship' within the institution of marriage?

(2013)

11. Define marriage and describe the various types of marriages in human societies.

(2014)

12. Discuss the different forms of preferential marriage with suitable examples from tribal societies in India.

(2017)

13. Write a note on ways of acquiring mate in Tribal Society. **(2018)**

14. Discuss the role of marriage regulations in traditional societies in India for strengthening social solidarity.

(2023)

2.4

Family

Definition and universality; Family, household and domestic groups; functions of family; Types of family (from the perspectives of structure, blood relation, marriage, residence and succession); Impact of urbanization, industrialization and feminist movements on family

1. Is family universally the cornerstone of human society? Discuss.

(1981)

2. Account for the universality of the nuclear family and describe its functions.

(1984)

3. What are the major functions of the family? Indicate the recent changes that have taken place in its types and functions with special reference to India.

(1985)

4. Give a comparative account of the different types of family in tribal and non-tribal societies of India.

(1987)

5. Write a note on Universality of family.

(1988)

6. Give a comparative account of different types of family in the tribes of India. Illustrate your answer with suitable examples.

(1990)

7. Is family a Universal Social Group? Critically examine this with examples.

(1993)

8. Examine family both as a social group and as an institution. Describe the functions of family and household, indicating therein the recent changes.

(1996)

9. Do you agree with the view that family is a universal association ? Critically examine the above statement.

(1998)

10. Critically comment on the forces and factors that have brought about changes in the family structure in recent times.

(1999)

11. What do you understand by Feminist movements? Discuss their impact on family.

(2002)

12. Write a note in 150 words on: Is family a social institution?

(2012)

13. Discuss the impact of urbanization and feminist movement on family.

(2013)

14. Define family and critically examine the universality of family.

(2015)

15. Discuss the impact of urbanization and feminist movements on family in India.

(2016)

16. Explain the impact of feminist movement on universality of marriage and family structure.

(2020)

17. Write a note on the household and domestic group.

(2022)

18. Define urbanization and discuss its impact on family in India with examples.

(2024)

2.5

Kinship

Consanguinity and Affinity; Principles and types of descent (Unilineal, Double, Bilateral, Ambilineal); Forms of descent groups (lineage, clan, phratry, moiety and kindred); Kinship terminology (descriptive and classificatory); Descent, Filiation and Complimentary Filiation; Descent and Alliance

1. "Unilineal kinship is more characteristic of segmentary society than bilateral kinship." Discuss.

(1981)

2. The modern State has taken over many functions of the family and kin groups. Discuss.

(1982)

3. Extended family and kinship ties are incompatible with an industrial society. Critically examine the view.

(1983)

4. Distinguish between: Double descent and bilateral descent.

(1984)

(1984)

5. Descent is a cultural rule. Discuss.

(1984)

6. Evaluate the role of kinship in regulating sex and marriage.

7. Write a note on differences between clan and lineage in primitive society.

(1986)

8. What are incest regulation? Bring out their socio-cultural functions in the context of stability in the institutions marriage, family and kinship.

(1988)

9. What is kinship system? Discuss its relevance in understanding the social structure of society.

(1991)

10. Write a note on Matrilineal society.

(1991)

11. Write a note on kinship terms and kinship behaviour.

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(1994)

12. Write a note on Lineage and Clan.

13. What is kinship system? Describe the changing roles of the system in

the context of westernization in India.

(1995)

14. Discuss the distinguishing features of unilineal, bilineal and bilateral kin groups with suitable examples.

(1997)

15. Explain the salient features of Descent and Alliance theories. Discuss the relevance to the analysis and understanding of social structure.

(2001)

16. Define Kinship and throw light on the functional importance of Kinship in Anthropology.

(2003)

17. Write a note on forms of descent groups. **(2008)**

18. Write a note on segmentary lineage and territoriality. **(2010)**

19. What factors are responsible for bringing about variation in residence of different societies? Explain how kinship influences man's social life.

(2010)

20. Describe the types of kinship groups formed on the basis of different principles.

Bilateral descent.

21. Write a note on various types of descent.

22. Write a note on double descent.

23. Write a note on Lineage and Clan.

24. Describe the cardinal points of descent and alliance theories.

25. Write a note on Bilineal and

(2012)

(2013)

(2014)

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(2017)

26. Elucidate the determinants of kinship terminology. **(2017)**

27. Write a note on Kinship terminaolgy. **(2018)**

(2021)

28. Write a note on the Marriage Regulations and Alliance Theory. **(2021)**

29. Write a note on the Descent groups.

30. Discuss how the rules of descent contradict the principles of residence in matrilineal society, mentioning suitable examples? **(2022)**

31. Critically discuss A.L. Kroeber's contribution to kinship studies. **(2023)**

32. Write a note on critical perspective on avoidance and joking relationship. **(2024)**

TOPIC 3

Economic organization

Meaning, scope and relevance of economic anthropology; Formalist and Substantivist debate; Principles governing production, distribution and exchange (reciprocity, redistribution and market), in communities, subsisting on hunting and gathering, fishing, swiddening, pastoralism, horticulture, and agriculture; globalization and indigenous economic systems

NUMBER OF QUESTIONS : 32

1. "Economics relations are an aspect of social relations." Justify.

(1981)

2. Distinguish the modes of exchange in primitive society from those of the peasant society.

(1982)

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3. Reciprocity and redistribution inhibit social conflict in primitive society. Discuss.

(1983)

4. Social processes function to coordinate economic exchange and redistribution. Discuss.

(1985)

5. Write a note in 200 words on Tribal India: Distribution and major economic pursuits of the tribal population.

(1985)

6. Discuss the meaning and scope of Economic Anthropology. Explain the method of exchange in the context of simple societies.

(1987)

7. Write a note on Tribal markets.

(1988)

8. Discuss the role of reciprocity and redistribution in tribal economy with examples.

(1988)

9. Discuss the meaning and scope of Economic Anthropology.

(1990)

10. Define market. Discuss the nature and role of market in tribal communties.

(1992)

11. Critically examine the view of formal and substantive schools of thought in Economic Anthropology.

(1993)

12. Describe the economic organization of gathering hunting tribes. Illustrate your answer from that of Indian situation.

(1994)

13. Delineate the meaning and scope of Economic Anthropology and discuss the principle that govern production, distribution and consumption in hunting and gathering communities.

(1997)

14. Write a note on Kula Ring.

(2003)

15. "Primitive economic organization has several peculiar features relating to the production, consumption, distribution and exchange." Discuss the above statement by providing appropriate illustrations.

(2003)

16. Write a note on Ceremonial exchange.

(2004)

(2005)

17. Write a note on Trade and Barter.

18. Critically discuss the Formalist and Substantivist approaches in the context of Economic Anthropology.

(2005)

19. Critically examine the debate between Formalists and Substantivists.

(2011)

20. Discuss different modes of exchange in simple societies with suitable examples.

(2011)

21. Discuss the impact of globalization on tribal economy.

(2013)

(2015)

22. Write a note on Horticulture.

23. Critically examine the 'Formalists and Substantivists' views on the applicability of economic laws in the study of primitive societies.

(2015)

24. Discuss the principles governing production, distribution and exchange in simple societies.

(2016)

25. With the help of appropriate examples, explain the various forms of exchange system.

26. Write the characteristics of hunting and gathering economy. **(2018)**

(2019)

27. Write a note on pastoralism in India. **(2019)**

28. Discuss how indigenous people encounter globalization. **(2021)**

29. Write a note on the modes of subsistence.

30. Write a note on the debate between Formalist and Substantivist approaches.

(2022)

31. Discuss the impact of globalization on the economic systems of indigenous communities.

(2023)

32. Critically examine Arjun Appadurai's conceptualization of global cultural economy.

(2023)

TOPIC 4

Political organization and Social Control

Band, tribe, chiefdom, kingdom and state; concepts of power, authority and legitimacy; social control, law and justice in simple societies

NUMBER OF QUESTIONS : 24

1. Differentiate between the State and Stateless political systems with regard to locus, power and functions of the legitimate authority.

(1981)

2. Civil laws are present also in simpler societies. **(1983)**

3. Describe a stateless political system **(1984)**

4. What are the basic features of law and what are its functions? Substantiate your views with illustrations.

(1985)

5. How is law administered in primitive societies? Give suitable examples.

(1986)

6. Explain the meaning and scope of Political Anthropology. Describe how law and order are being maintained in the so called preliterate societies.

(1989)

7. Write a note on Band and tribe.

(1990)

8. Explain the meaning and scope of political anthropology. Describe how law and justice are maintained in simpler societies.

(1991)

9. Describe the means of social control in simpler societies and compare the legal system of simple and complex societies.

(1993)

10. Differentiate between state and stateless political systems. Do you think that a stateless political system can function in modern societies?

(1994)

11. Differentiate between centralized political systems and stateless political systems, and state how law and justice are administered in stateless societies.

(1996)

12. 'Primitive society is governed by the traditional customary law'. Do you agree with this statement? Explain.

(1998)

13. Describe the evolution of political systems.

(2006)

14. Discuss mechanisms of social control in simple societies citing suitable examples.

(2007)

15. Write a note on Chiefdom in tribal society.

(2009)

(2012)

16. Write a note on Band and Tribal societies.

17. Discuss the nature of Law and Justice in simple societies citing suitable examples.

(2014)

18. Differentiate between State and Stateless Societies. **(2014)**

19. Discuss different social control mechanisms in simple societies. **(2016)**

(2017)

20. Mention the characteristic features of band with suitable examples.

21. How does customary law function in the tribal society? Discuss its different sources.

(2018)

22. How is the construct of power linked to the notion of conspicuous consumption and its impact on distributive justice?

(2020)

23. How do political organisations of simple societies establish power, authority and legitimacy?

(2021)

24. Discuss the mechanism of social control in different kinds of political

systems.

(2022)

25. Write a note on authority and forms of political organization.

(2024)

TOPIC 5

Religion

Anthropological approaches to the study of religion (evolutionary, psychological and functional); monotheism and polytheism; sacred and profane; myths and rituals; forms of religion in tribal and peasant societies (animism, animatism, fetishism, naturism and totemism); religion, magic and science distinguished; magico-religious functionaries (priest, shaman, medicine man, sorcerer and witch)

NUMBER OF QUESTIONS : 36

1. "Totemism is a religion based on man- nature continuities". Substantiate.

(1981)

2. Discuss the theories of origins of religion. Which one appears to be most adequate?

(1982)

3. Distinguish between animism and animatism.

(1984)

4. How do you explain the origin and evolution of religion? How does religion continue to function in human society?

(1985)

5. Write a note on differences between primitive religion and world religion.

(1986)

6. Distinguish between religion and magic. Critically examine the different theories of religion and comment on their relevance today.

(1987)

7. What do you mean by totemism? Discuss the role of totemism in the tribal life of India.

(1989)

8. Describe the origin of religion. Distinguish between religion and magic.

(1990)

9. What is religion? Discuss Taylor's theory of origin of religion. **(1991)**

(1992)

10. Write a note on religion and Magic.

11. What is Taboo. Discuss the significance of Taboo in primitive societies.

(1992)

12. Highlight the significance of religious practices in Tribal communities of India.

(1993)

13. Describe the role of totemism in primitive religion, according to Durkheim.

(1994)

14. Why have religion and magic become stable features of a society? What role do the religious functionaries play in simple and non-literate societies?

(1996)

15. Write a note on witchcraft and sorcery.

(1998)

16. Discuss some of the characteristic features of tribal religions in India and state how far have they changed in recent times.

(1999)

17. Distinguish between magic and religion. Give suitable examples. **(2004)**

18. "Witchcraft accusation is the result of strained interpersonal relations." Explain.

(2005)

19. Discuss Anthropological approaches to the study of religion.

(2007)

20. Write a note on Shamanism.

21. How anthropologists define Religion? Describe various forms of religion with suitable examples?

(2007)

22. Explain various anthropological approaches to study religion. **(2011)**

(2012)

23. Distinguish between religion, Magic and Science. **(2013)**

24. Write a note on Totemism. **(2013)**

25. How does taboo serve as a means of social control?

26. What is understood by 'Rites of Passage'? Describe the various phases of the 'Rites of Passage' and their significance.

(2014)

27. How do you relate the concepts of 'Sacred' and 'Profane' in Durkheim's theory of religion with a focus on the role of totem ?

28. Write a note on Totemism.

29. Critically examine different Anthropological approaches to religion.

30. Write a note on difference between religion and magic.

31. Discuss the different traditional forms of religion in tribal societies.

32. Write a note on difference between Science and Magic.

33. Critically explain the anthropological approaches to religion.

34. Write a note on the Animism and Deep Ecology.

35. Write a note on the Shaman, sorcerer and medicine man.

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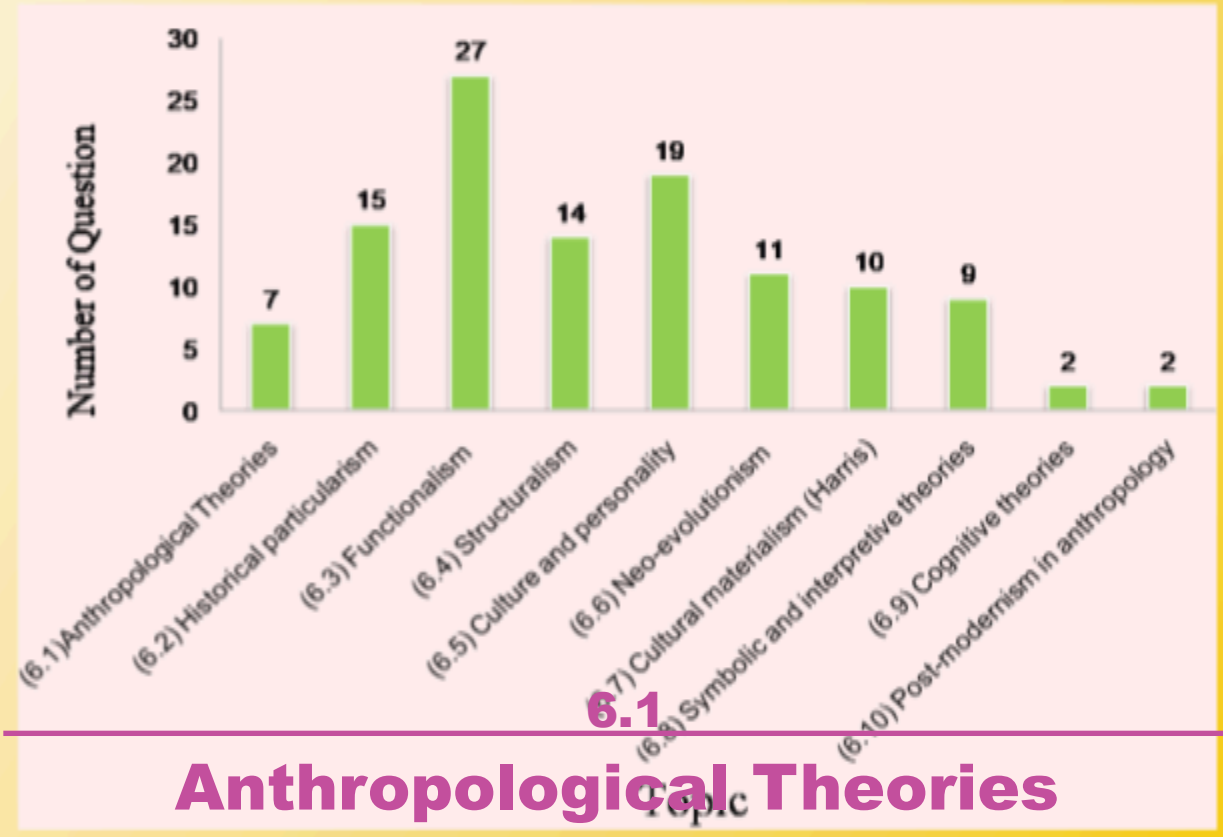
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36. How did Clifford Geertz look at religion? Differentiate between anthropological and psychological approaches to the study of religion.

(2023)

TOPIC 6



6.1 Anthropological Theories

Classical evolutionism (Tylor, Morgan and Frazer)

1. Discuss the basic assumptions of 19th century evolutionism. Are these valid today?

(1981)

2. Write a note on Contributions of Morgan and Tylor in the history of anthropological thought.

(1985)

3. Write a note on 19th century evolutionism. **(1988)**

4. Write a note on Classical evolutionism. **(1996)**

5. Point out the differences in the concepts of classical evolutionism and neo- evolutionism in socio-cultural anthropology. Which stage of prehistoric culture is known as cultural revolution and why? **(2010)**

6. How did Morgan explain the evolution of marriage, family and Socio-Political organization and how did other evolutionists disagree with his explanation? **(2015)**

7. Critically evaluate Lewis Morgan's classification of family. **(2021)**

6.2

Anthropological Theories

Historical particularism (Boas); Diffusionism (British, German and American)

1. Diffusionism is an extremist view. Exemplify. **(1983)**

2. Distinguish between: British School of Diffusion and Austro-German School of Diffusion. **(1984)**

3. Write a note on Franz Boas. **(1988)**

4. Write a note on Diffusion and Diffusionism. **(1992)**

5. Bring out the merits and demerits in the British Diffusion Studies and the American Diffusion Studies.

(1993)

6. What was Boas approach of studying primitive cultures? Delineate the role of field work and history in anthropological study.

(1995)

7. What is meant by cultural diffusionism? Give an account of Fritz Graebner's contributions to the theory of cultural diffusionism.

(1996)

8. Critically examine the Historical Particularistic approach of Franz Boas to the study of culture.

(1997)

9. What do you understand by cultural relativistic approach and ethnocentric approach in the study of culture? Discuss the logical premises of cultural relativistic approach.

(1997)

10. Define 'culture area'. How did it help the American diffusionists to understand diffusion of culture?

(1998)

11. Write a note on Holistic and atomistic approach **(1998)**

12. Write a note on Historical Particularism. **(2015)**

13. How do diffusionism and evolutionism differ as explanations of cultural change?

(2015)

14. Write a note on the Historical Particularism and Franz Boas. **(2021)**

15. Discuss the historical and cultural contexts that led to superseding ethnocentrism with cultural relativism in anthropology.

(2022)

16. Discuss historical particularism as a critical development to the classical evolutionism.

(2024)

6.3

Anthropological Theories

Functionalism (Malinowski); Structural-functionlism (Radcliffe-Brown)

1. Specify limitations of Radcliffe-Brown's method of comparison as actually used by him.

(1981)

2. "Structure-functional studies do not explain casual relationships." Discuss the view.

(1981)

3. Discuss contributions of Malinowski, Radcliffe Brown and Firth to the concept of Function.

(1982)

4. Functionalism is not confined to Anthropology among social sciences. Elaborate.

(1983)

5. Distinguish between: Malinowski's contribution to functionalism in social anthropology.

(1984)

6. Evaluate the contribution of Radcliffe Brown for the development of structural method.

(1984)

7. Examine Malinowski's theory of needs and state its merits. **(1986)**

8. Write an essay on 'structure-function theory of Radcliffe-Brown.' **(1986)**

(1987)

9. Evaluate Malinowski's contribution to functionalism.

10. Re-examine the view of Radcliffe-Brown in connection with structure and function in Anthropology.

(1989)

11. Write a note on background of Anthropological comparison. **(1989)**

12. Discuss Malinowski's contributions to functionalism in Social Anthropology.

(1990)

13. Define social function. Critically evaluate the concepts as postulated by Malinowski.

(1992)

14. Write a note on R. Radcliffe-Brown. **(1994)**

15. Give the names of two prominent British functionalists in social anthropology. Describe the functional theory attributed to any one of them.

(1995)

16. "To Radcliffe-Brown 'function' was the contribution an institution makes to the maintenance of social structure." Elucidate in the light of Radcliffe- Brown's contributions to structural functionalism theory.

(1998)

17. What is meant by functionalism? Discuss the basic tenets of Malinowski's functionalism.

(1999)

18. Discuss the approaches of Radcliffe-Brown and Evans-Pritchard to Comparative Methods in Anthropological Research.

(2001)

19. Describe structural features of social life as suggested by Radcliffe-Brown in his theory of social structure.

(2003)

20. Write a note on Structural-functionalism.

(2008)

21. In what ways is Functionalism different from Structural Functionalism?

(2013)

22. What is Functionalism? Discuss the functional approach to the understanding of religion.

(2014)

23. Write a note on Functionalism. **(2016)**

24. Write a note on basic tenets of Structural- Functionalism. **(2017)**

25. How did Radcliffe-Brown and Levi-Strauss study kinship in terms of social structure?

(2019)

26. Write a note on the Radcliffe-Brown's ideas on status, role and institution.

(2022)

27. Critically examine various anthropological interpretations about the Kula Ring.

(2022)

28. Write a note on cultural relevance of the Kula.

(2024)

6.4

Anthropological Theories

Structuralism (Levi-Strauss and E. Leach)

1. Discuss how social structure is conceived as models, following Levi-Strauss and Leach.

2. Discuss the structural study of myth by Levi-Strauss.

3. Discuss how structuralism derived from modern linguistics?

(1981)

(1984)

(1982)

4. Discuss in brief model and myth in Levi- Strauss Anthropology.

(1985)

5. Critically examine the contribution of Levi- Strauss in providing a theoretical frame for the structural analysis in society.

(1986)

6. Discuss how Edmund Leach viewed 'Social Structure' as a model. **(1988)**

7. Examine critically the concept of Model and Myth in 'Levi-Strauss' Anthropology.

(1989)

8. Discuss how Edmund Leach views social structure as a model. **(1991)**

(1993)

9. Write a note on Edmund R Leach.

(1994)

10. Write a note on structuralist approach to the study of myth.

11. Analyze how Raymond Firth's concepts of structure, function, organization and process accommodate the study of both static and dynamic aspects of the social structure.

(1996)

12. What are the major criticisms of the theory of 'Structuralism' as propounded by Claude Levi-Strauss?

(2009)

13. How do the concepts of binary opposite and exchange figure in Levi-Strauss' structural analysis of Kinship?

(2016)

14. Explain the structural analysis of kinship as proposed by Levi-Strauss.

(2021)

15. How does Lévi-Strauss look at the Tsimshian myth of Asdiwal? Critically

discuss Lévi-Strauss' theory of structuralism in the light of his study of mythologies.

(2024)

6.5

Anthropological Theories

Culture and personality (Benedict, Mead, Linton, Kardiner and Cora - du Bois).

1. Discuss the value and limitations of national character studies in Anthropology.

(1981)

2. Discuss the limitations of basic personality constructs and modal personality in the study of culture and personality.

(1982)

3. Distinguish between: Basic personality and modal personality.

(1984)

(1986)

4. Write a note on Basic personality structure and modal personality.

5. Discuss the relevance of anthropological approach in national character studies.

(1987)

6. Define basic personality and discuss the different methods employed in the study of its structure.

(1988)

7. Discuss the relevance of anthropological approach to national character studies.

(1991)

8. Write a note on Modal Personality.

(1992)

9. Define basic personality and discuss the different methods employed in the study of its structure.

(1992)

10. Discuss critically anthropological approaches in national character studies.

(1992)

11. Examine the relationship between culture and personality. Give suitable examples to illustrate your answer.

(1994)

12. Write a note on Culture and personality.

(1996)

13. Discuss the contributions of Ralph Linton, Core-Du-Bois and Abraham Kardiner in the study of personality.

(1999)

14. Discuss the contributions of Margaret Mead and Ralph Linton to the analysis of the relationship between culture and personality.

(2001)

15. Critically discuss the contribution of Ruth Benedict to the study of culture.

(2004)

16. Discuss the relationship between culture and personality.

(2008)

(2017)

17. Explain Ruth Benedict's patterns of culture.

18. What do you understand by the National Character Study? Illustrate the concept.

(2018)

19. Discuss various anthropological approaches to the study of personality and culture.

(2020)

20. Critically discuss the controversies related to field work of Bronislaw malinowski and Margaret Mead.

(2023)

21. Critically discuss the characteristics of the psychological types in the cultures of the American South-West as observed by Ruth Benedict.

(2024)

6.6

Anthropological Theories

Neo-evolutionism (Childe, White, Steward, Sahlins and Service)

1. Write an essay on Neo-evolutionism and cultural ecology.

(1989)

2. How do the approach of the 19th century evolutionists differ from those of the Neo- Evolutionists? Discuss.

(1993)

3. What is cultural ecology? Discuss how man adapts himself to different environments, giving suitable examples.

(1995)

4. Write a note on Neo-evolutionism.

(1997)

5. What do you mean by cultural ecology? Evaluate how Julian Steward's particularistic approach is helpful in understanding multilineal evolution.

(1998)

6. What do you understand by neo- evolutionism? Evaluate how Leslie A. White's approach is helpful in understanding cultural evolution.

(2000)

7. Discuss the contribution of Julian Steward of Cultural Ecology.

(2002)

(2009)

8. Explain the theory of 'Neo-evolutionism'.

(2017)

9. Critically examine the Stewardian view on neo-Evolutionism.

(2018)

10. Write a note on Gordon Childe's Theory of Cultural Evolution.

11. Discuss the approaches of Leslie White, Julian Steward and Marshall Sahlins in the light of cultural evolution.

(2022)

6.7

Anthropological Theories

Cultural materialism (Harris)

1. Write a note in Cultural materialism.

(2011)

2. Distinguish between 'chronological age' and 'biological age'.

(2009)

(2002)

3. Write a note on Universal Cultural Evolution.

(1998)

4. Write a note on Pattern of culture.

(1998)

5. Write a note on Superorganic view of culture.

(2003)

6. Write a note on Cultural Materialism.

7. Discuss the development of the concept of culture in Anthropology.

8. Write a note on New ethnography.

9. Describe the nature, scope and methods of new ethnography.

10. Write a note on Etic and Emic approach.

(1987)

(2017)

(1994)

(2000)

6.8

Anthropological Theories

Symbolic and interpretive theories (Turner, Schneider and Geertz)

1. Write a note on Symbolism. **(1999)**

2. Write a note on Symbolic Anthropology. **(2001)**

3. Bring out the contribution of Turner and Geertz in symbolic and interpretive theories in Anthropology. **(2013)**

4. Critically examine the contribution of Anthropologists in the interpretation of symbols. **(2011)**

5. What made Geertz's Interpretive Anthropology distinct from Turner's symbolic Anthropology? What does each of them mean by the terms 'Symbol' and 'Symbolic'? **(2015)**

6. According to Geertz, how does the cock fight reveal aspects of Balinese culture? **(2016)**

7. Examine critically the contributions of Victor Turner and Clifford Geertz in anthropology. **(2019)**

8. Write note on the Victor Turner and Liminality. **(2020)**

9. Elucidate the concept of "thick description" of Clifford Geertz with a suitable example. **(2021)**

6.9

Anthropological Theories

Cognitive theories (Tyler, Conklin)

1. Write a note on Cognitive Anthropology.

(2002)

2. Explain the difference between emic and etic, and how does the difference derive from the study of language?

(2015)

6.10

Anthropological Theories

Post-modernism in Anthropology

1. Write a note on Post-modernism in Anthropology. **(2012)**

2. Explain the basic features of 'Postmodernism' in Anthropology. **(2015)**

3. Critically explain the notion of 'deconstruction' in the light of the postmodern works of Jacques Derrida. **(2024)**

TOPIC 7

Culture, language and communication

Nature, origin and characteristics of language; verbal and non-verbal communication; social context of language use

NUMBER OF QUESTIONS : 6

1. Write a note on: Language and culture.

(1993)

2. State the theories regarding the origin of spoken languages in human societies both from biological and cultural points of view.

(2010)

3. Write a note on: non-verbal communication.

(2017)

4. Critically examine that the structure and content of language are influenced by culture.

(2018)

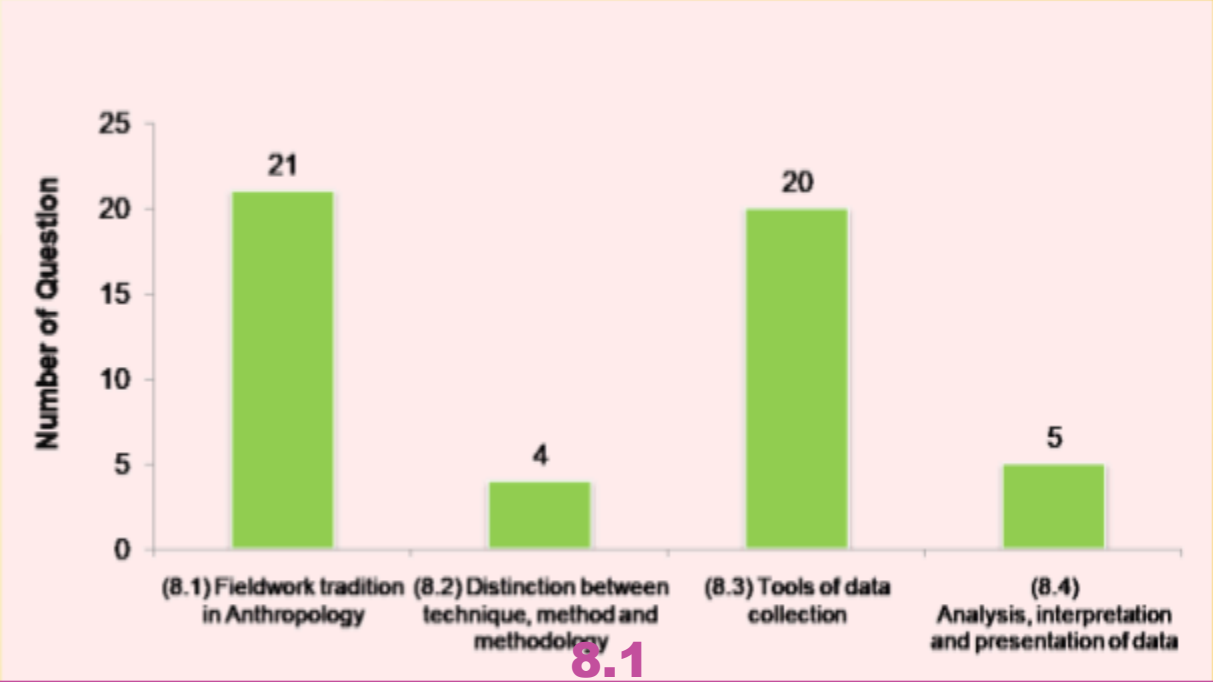
5. Write note on the Sapir-Whorf hypothesis.

(2020)

6. Explain how variations in language usage is related to social inequality.

(2020)

TOPIC 8



8.1 Topic

Research methods in Anthropology

Fieldwork tradition in Anthropology

1. Discuss the place and importance of fieldwork in Anthropological method. **(1981)**

2. Fieldwork has served on develop theory in Anthropology. Discuss. **(1983)**

3. Describe the nature of anthropological field work and evaluate its role in the formulation of Anthropological theories. **(1984)**

4. Write a note on Field work traditions in Anthropology. **(1985)**

5. Explain the significant role of an informant in Anthropological fieldwork.

(1986)

6. Write a note on Anthropological fieldwork.

(1987)

7. Discuss the different fieldwork traditions in Anthropological research.

(1988)

8. How does fieldworker strike a balance between theoretical requirements and real field situations? Describe with suitable examples.

(1989)

9. Discuss the nature and logic of Anthropological field work methods.

(1991)

10. Discuss the nature and method of Anthropological Field work and explain its uniqueness.

(1993)

11. Discuss the nature and logic of Anthropological field work methods. Do these differ from those of other social sciences? Discuss.

(1994)

12. Examine the importance of observation as a fieldwork technique in Anthropology. Differentiate between participant and non- participant observation and analyze the problem of objectivity in participant observation.

(1996)

13. Trade the genesis and development of field word in Anthropological research. Assess its importance in the development of Anthropology.

(1998)

14. Discuss the contribution of field work in the development of Anthropological concept and theories.

(1999)

15. Discuss the importance of field work in Anthropology and describe various tools of data collection.

(2008)

16. Write a note on Field work tradition in Anthropology. **(2011)**

17. Write a note on Field work tradition in Anthropology. **(2014)**

18. Describe the evolution of field work tradition in Anthropology. **(2016)**

19. Elucidate the basic characteristics of Anthropological fieldwork methods. **(2017)**

20. Write the historical development of field work tradition in Anthropology till recent times. **(2022)**

21. Discuss the contemporary challenges in fieldwork method in anthropological research. **(2024)**

8.2

Research methods in Anthropology

Distinction between technique, method and methodology

1. Trace the rise and development of empiricism in Anthropology. **(1986)**

2. Distinguish between technique, method and methodology. Examine their role in Anthropological studies. **(1987)**

3. Discuss the difference between the technique, method and methodology as employed in Anthropological studies. **(1990)**

4. Write a note on Method and Methodology. **(1993)**

8.3

Research methods in Anthropology

Tools of data collection: observation, interview, schedules, questionnaire, Case study, genealogy, life-history, oral history, secondary sources of information, participatory methods

1. Write a note on participant observation in Anthropological Field Work.

(1989)

2. Do you think it is possible to bring uniformity of method in the natural and social sciences? Will it lead to advancement of Anthropological research?

(1993)

3. Write a note on genealogical method of field investigation.

(1994)

4. What are questionnaire and schedule techniques of field study? Assess their relative usefulness in anthropological studies.

(1995)

5. Write a note on: Participatory Rapid Assessment (PRA).

(2004)

(2005)

6. Write a note on: Schedule and Questionnaire.

7. Critically examine the role of subjectivity in Anthropological Research.

(2006)

8. Critically examine the contribution of Positivistic and Non-Positivistic approaches in Social Science Research.

(2007)

9. Write a note on: 'Schedule' and 'Questionnaire' in research methodology.

(2009)

10. What are the tools of data collection ? Discuss the advantages and limitations of participants-observations as a technique of data collection.

(2012)

11. Discuss the relevance of Case Study method of data collection. **(2013)**

(2014)

12. Write a note on: genealogical method. **(2017)**

13. Write a note on: Questionnaire.

14. How is case study method helpful in understanding a social phenomena? Explain with suitable example.

(2018)

15. Evaluate participant observation in producing anthropological knowledge.

(2019)

16. Discuss phenomenology as a research method in anthropological studies.

(2019)

17. Write note on the Experiential Ethnography.

(2020)

18. Discuss various tools of data collection in conducting anthropological research.

(2021)

19. Write note on the Participatory Rural Appraisal (PRA) and Participatory Learning and Action (PLA).

(2022)

20. Describe various methods of qualitative data analysis. Highlight some popular computer softwares used in qualitative analysis.

(2023)

8.4

Research methods in Anthropology

Analysis, interpretation and presentation of data

1. Write a note on Sampling Methods. **(2001)**

2. Write a note on Life-Table. **(2006)**

3. What do you understand by the following terms?

   (i) Systemic sampling

   (ii) Stratified sampling

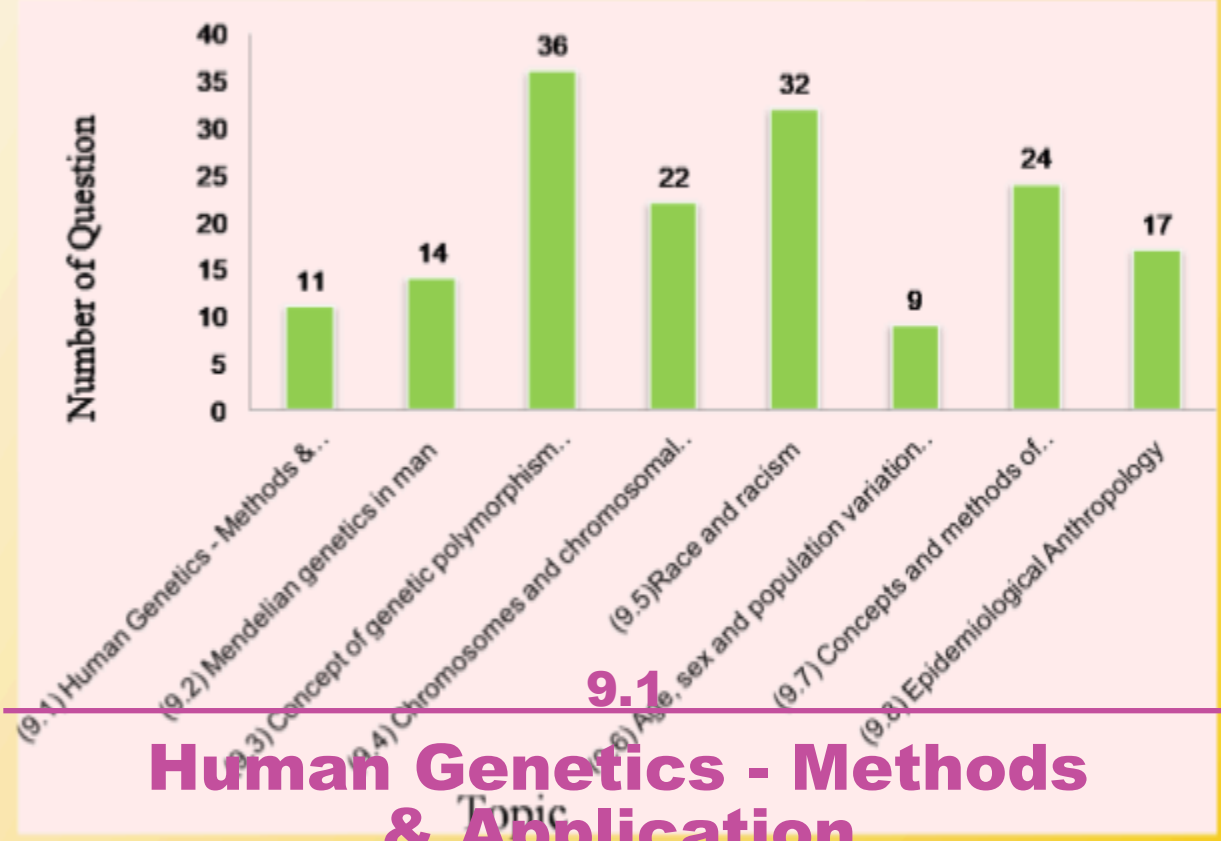
   (iii) Multistage sampling **(2010)**

4. How have interpretation and presentation of data changed from classical to contemporary writings in anthropological texts? **(2020)**

5. Write a note on: Glottochronology. **(2023)**

6. Discuss the applicability of various sampling techniques in selecting the study group. **(2024)**

TOPIC 9



9.1 Human Genetics - Methods & Application

Methods for study of genetic principles in man-family study (pedigree analysis, twin study, foster child, co-twin method, cytogenetic method, chromosomal and karyotype analysis), biochemical methods, immunological methods, DNA technology and recombinant technologies

1. Discuss the genetic and clinical aspects of the anomalies of sex chromosomes in man with special reference to the associated mosaic constitutions.

(1995)

2. Why are gender studies gaining importance these days? Assess the contribution of anthropology to gender studies.

(1996)

3. Discuss the recent developments in genetic techniques and comment upon their potential social significance.

(1997)

4. Define twins. Describe the method of diagnosis of twins. In what ways are twins useful in the study of human genetics?

(1998)

5. Discuss the role of twins in nature-nurture problems and illustrate your answer with suitable examples.

(1999)

6. What do you understand by recombinant DNA technology? Discuss its application and limitations in improving human health.

(2000)

7. Write a note on Recombinant DNA technology.

(2001)

(2007)

8. Write a note on Pedigree Analysis.

(2013)

9. Write a note on Twin method in human genetics.

10. Briefly describe the various methods used in the genetic study of man.

(2017)

11. Write a note on the Pedigree analysis in genetic counselling.

(2022)

12. What is meant by karyotype? How does its analysis help in diagnosis of the chromosomal aberrations in man?

(2024)

13. Write a note on Heritability and its estimation.

(2024)

9.2

Mendelian genetics in man

Family study, single factor, multifactor, lethal, sub-lethal and polygenic inheritance in man

1. Mendelian principle are equally applicable to animal populations as well as to human populations. Discuss.

(1982)

2. Discuss the laws of inheritance propounded by Mendel on the basis of his classic experiments. Explain how these laws are applied in the study of human genetics.

(1986)

3. Discuss how the laws of heredity propounded by Mendel can be understood in the context of meiotic cell division and their application on Man.

(1987)

4. Write a note on Law of Heredity as propounded by Mendel. **(1989)**

5. Describe Mendel's laws of Inheritance. What are the recent advances in human genetics and human cytogenetics?

(1990)

6. Write a note on Mendelism. **(1991)**

7. What are Mendel's laws of Inheritance? Describe the recent advances in human genetics.

(1992)

8. What are the contributions of Gregor Mendel to the field of Genetics? Discuss with suitable examples how Mendel's laws of Inheritance are applicable to Man?

(1993)

9. What is sustainable development? How does Anthropology help attain sustainable development in the tribal communities in India?

(1995)

10. What is planning from below? Critically assess the role of Anthropology towards implementing sustainable development.

(2000)

11. What are lethal and sub-lethal genes? Explain. **(2012)**

12. Critically discuss the Mendelian principles and their application to human populations.

(2016)

13. How are the cases of disputed paternity solved? Discuss the recent techniques.

(2021)

14. Write a note on Polygenic Inheritance. **(2023)**

15. Write a note on lethal and sub-lethal genes. **(2024)**

16. What is a multifactorial trait? Illustrate your answer with suitable human examples. **(2024)**

9.3

Concept of genetic polymorphism and selection

Mendelian population, Hardy- Weinberg law; causes and changes which bring down frequency-mutation, isolation, migration, selection, inbreeding and genetic drift. Consanguineous and non-consanguineous mating, genetic load, genetic effect of consanguineous and cousin marriages

1. 'Inbreeding is not necessarily deleterious in effect.' Comment.

(1981)

2. Discuss the role of genetic drift, mutation and migration as the causes of variation.

(1985)

3. Is inbreeding different from consanguinity? Give an account of inbreeding studies in India and comment on their social relevance.
(1987)

4. Write a note on inbreeding and hybridization.
(1988)

(1993)

5. Write a note on inbreeding and crossbreeding.

6. Discuss the concepts of balanced polymorphism and relaxed selection with special reference to Malaria dependent polymorphisms in man.
(1996)

7. Discuss the concept of 'Mendelian population and its application in the study of anthropogenetic variations in India'.
(1997)

8. Write a note on Mutation.
(1998)

9. Define Hardy-Weinberg law and state briefly how Hardy-Weinberg law is applicable in population human genetics?
(1998)

10. Write a note on causes of human variation.
(1990)

11. Write a note on Genetic Adaptation.
(2000)

(2003)

12. Write a note on Genetic Polymorphism and Selection.

13. Describe in brief the major causes of change in gene frequency of a population.

14. Write a note on problems of

Inbreeding. **(2003)**

15. Write a note on Genetic Polymorphism. **(2005)**

(2006)

16. Write a note on Inbreeding.

(2008)

17. What do you understand by Hardy-Weinberg equilibrium? Discuss the factors that produce and redistribute variations.

(2008)

18. Write a note on Natural selection in humans.

(2009)

19. Write a note on Anthropological relevance of population genetics.

(2009)

(2009)

20. What is 'genetic load' & what factors influence it?

21. What is Balanced Genetic Polymorphism? How is it maintained in a population?

(2010)

22. Write a note on conditions necessary for the operation of Hardy-Weinberg Law.

(2011)

23. Write a note on Genetic polymorphism.

(2011)

24. Write a note on how 'natural selection' acts on variation?

(2012)

(2012)

25. What are the genetic effects of consanguinity? Give examples.

26. What do you understand by 'Genetic Load' in a population? How is it measured and what are the important factors that can influence it?

(2013)

27. Discuss the factors affecting gene frequencies among human populations.

(2014)

28. Define genetic polymorphism. Give details of its types with suitable examples.

(2015)

29. What do you understand by Immunogenetics? Explain with suitable examples.

(2015)

30. Write a note on Hardy-Weinberg Law. **(2017)**

31. Differentiate between transient and balanced genetic polymorphism. Illustrate your answer with suitable examples from human populations.

(2019)

32. Write a note on the Genetic drift. **(2020)**

33. How do marriage rules impact the gene pool of populations? **(2020)**

(2022)

34. Write a note on the balanced and transient genetic polymorphism. **(2022)**

35. Discuss the role of evolutionary forces in creating human diversity.

36. What assumptions must be met for a population to be in genetic equilibrium? Explain the importance of genetic equilibrium.

(2023)

9.4

Chromosomes and chromosomal aberrations in man, methodology:

(a) Numerical and structural aberrations (disorders)

(b) Sex chromosomal aberrations -Klinefelter (XXY), Turner (XO), Super female (XXX), intersex and other syndromic disorders

(c) Autosomal aberrations - Down syndrome, Patau, Edward and Cri-du-chat syndromes

(d) Genetic imprints in human disease, genetic screening, genetic counselling, human DNA profiling, gene mapping and genome study

1. Write a note on Tourodontism. **(1987)**

2. Write a note on Gene therapy. **(1995)**

3. Write a note on Genetic counselling. **(1998)**

4. Discuss the relevance of human DNA Profiling and Gene Mapping in the prevention and cure of diseases. **(2001)**

5. Write a note on Klinefelter syndrome. **(2003)**

6. What is Genetic Counselling? Discuss its relevance in the present day context. **(2006)**

7. Write a note on Genome Study. **(2007)**

8. Discuss different types of sex chromosomal aberrations. **(2007)**

9. Write a note on Oncogenes.

(2010)

10. Chromosomal deletions and numerical fluctuations may lead to gross abnormalities in man. Discuss with the help of suitable examples.

(2010)

11. Discuss the chromosomal aberrations an manifestations of Klinefelter and Turner syndromes.

(2012)

12. Describe Turner and Klinefelter syndromes in humans. **(2014)**

(2015)

13. Write a note on Down' Syndrome.

14. Discuss chromosomal aberrations in man illustrating with examples.

(2015)

15. Explain the significance of screening and counselling for genetic disorders.

(2016)

16. Categorise genes that influence human survival.

(2018)

17. Describe the mechanisms for structural anomalies of autosomes with diagrams.

(2018)

18. How may numerical aberrations in sex chromosomes lead to genetic disorders?

(2020)

19. What are the applications of human genomic research in human welfare?

(2020)

20. "Chromosomal aberrations can play havoc with the human body and mind." Explain with suitable examples. **(2021)**

21. Write a note on the Genetic imprinting in human diseas **(2022)**

22. Describe the causes of structural abnormalities of chromosomes with suitable examples.

(2023)

23. What is genetic counselling? Briefly discuss various steps involved in it.

(2024)

24. Write a note on single-gene mutation disorders in man.

(2024)

9.5

Race and racism

Biological basis of morphological variation of non-metric and metric characters. Racial criteria, racial traits in relation to heredity and environment; biological basis of racial classification, racial differentiation and race crossing in man

1. Discuss the role of environment and heredity in formation of races.

(1982)

2. "Genetic similarities far outweigh the racial differences among men." Discuss.

(1981)

3. Racial superiority is not based on science. Substantiate.

(1982)

(1983)

4. Do you find a serological basic of racial classification? Discuss.

5. Discuss the role of environment and heredity in the formation of race.

(1984)

6. Define race and describe its relevance to modern anthropological studies.

(1984)

7. Write a note on the factors involved in race formation in man.

8. Write a note on Heredity and environment.

9. Write a note on controversies of race.

10. Write a note on racism. **(1985)**

(1988)

(1996)

(1987)

11. Define race as a biological concept and discuss the various criteria of racial classification.

(1988)

12. Examine critically the basis of racial classification in the light of modern development in Physical Anthropology.

(1989)

13. How are the races formed? Describe the physical characteristics and distribution of different racial types in India?

(1990)

14. What is race? Describe the criteria employed for the classification of human races.

(1991)

15. Discuss the main processes involved in the formation of races.

(1992)

(1993)

16. Write a note on Racial types in India.

(1994)

17. Discuss the role of heredity and environment in formation of race.

18. What is 'race' ? Enumerate and discuss the factors responsible for the formation of races.

(1998)

19. Write a note on Racial criteria.

(1999)

20. Write a note on Race and Racism.

(2004)

21. Is race a valid concept ? Critically assess the relevance of racial classification in the Indian context.

(2010)

22. Discuss monogenic and polygenic inheritance in man, citing suitable

examples.

(2011)

23. Discuss race crossing in humans with suitable examples.

(2012)

24. Differentiate between Race and Racism. What are three races of the world? Give important biological criteria used frequently for such a classification.

(2013)

25. Explain the role of heredity and environment in the formation of races.

(2016)

26. Write a note on: Concept of race. **(2017)**

27. Write a note on: Race is a myth. Justify its present day relevance. **(2018)**

28. With reference to the somatoscopic and morphometric characteristics commonly used for racial classification, make critical comments as to whether 'Race' is a valid concept.

(2019)

29. Write note on the Racism and Eugenics. **(2020)**

30. Is race a valid and biologically meaningful concept? Write a note on it.

(2021)

31. What is Anthropometry? Discuss its role in assessing the nutritional status and sports capability of a person.

(2021)

32. Write a note on Race and Ethnicity **(2023)**

9.6

Age, sex and population variation as genetic marker

ABO, Rh blood groups, HLA Hp, transferring, Gm, blood enzymes.

Physiological characteristics-Hb level, body fat, pulse rate, respiratory functions and sensory perceptions in different cultural and socio-economic groups.

1. Evaluate genetic heterogeneity of ABO, Rh and Gm antigens. Discuss how the principle human groups can be distinguished on the basis of their blood antigen characteristic.

(2000)

2. Write a note on ABO and Rh blood group distribution in human populations.

(2008)

3. Write a note on Genetics of HLA and organ transplantation.

(2009)

(2011)

4. Write a note on Respiratory functions.

5. Discuss the role of ABO blood group system in resolving cases of disputed paternity.

(2012)

6. Give a comparative account of variations in haemoglobin level and respiratory functions among the populations living under different environmental stresses.

(2012)

7. What are genetic markers and what is their usefulness? Why are blood groups considered as good genetic markers? Illustrate with examples.

(2013)

8. Write a note on Rh-Blood Group.

(2016)

9. What do you understand by blood group systems? How is HLA system different from those based on red cell antigens? **(2016)**

10. Describe the genetics and inheritance patterns of the ABO and Rh blood groups in man. **(2024)**

9.7

Concepts and methods of Ecological Anthropology

Bio-cultural Adaptations- Genetic and Non-genetic factors. Man's physiological responses to environmental stresses: hot desert, cold, high altitude, climate

1. Stature is susceptible to environmental influences. Substantiate. **(1983)**

2. Define adaptability. Compare the adaptive response in man to stresses at high altitudes and in a hot desert environment. **(1995)**

3. Write a note on Ecological Anthropology. **(1997)**

4. How are body size and shape related to climatic adaptation? Discuss the ecological rules with examples from human situations. **(1997)**

5. Discuss the mechanism by which the human body adapts to altitudinal changes and other geographical stresses. **(1999)**

6. Define ecosystem. Explain with examples, how biocultural adaptive qualities have helped human survival in stressful eco- conditions.

7. Write a note on Ecological Anthropology.

8. Write a note on Biological adaptation.

(2000) **(2001)**

(2002)

9. Examine adaptive significance of human variations in Tropical and Arctic climatic zones.

(2007)

10. Define adaptability. What biocultural adjustments do humans show in coping up with stress at high altitude?

(2008)

11. Native highlanders are well adapted to the high altitude environment. Discuss.

(2011)

12. How does improved aerobic fitness increase exercise tolerance in warm humid climates? Give suitable examples in support of your answer.

(2012)

13. Justify "Though human growth is under tight genetic control but it is influenced by various environmental factors."

(2013)

14. Elaborate upon major human adaptations to heat and cold. **(2013)**

15. What are the stresses at high altitudes? How do better cardio-respiratory functions help the native highlanders in combating low environmental pressure?

(2014)

16. Critically examine the physiological responses and acclimatization to cold climate in Man.

(2015)

17. Discuss the genetic and non-genetic factors in the bio-cultural adaptations of human beings to different environments.

(2016)

18. Discuss the responses and acclimatization to high altitude stresses. **(2017)**

19. Distinguish between adaptation, adaptability and acclimatization with examples.

20. Do Allen's rule and Bergmann's rule hold for human populations? Explain with examples.

(2018)

21. "Human adaptations are always bio- cultural in nature." Discuss with reference to human adaptation to high- altitude climate.

(2019)

22. Describe the biocultural responses to extreme climatic events. **(2020)**

23. What is acclimatization? Discuss adaptive responses to high altitude and cold climate.

(2021)

24. Write a note on: Customary laws and Environmental conservation. **(2023)**

9.8

Epidemiological Anthropology

Health and diseases. Infectious and non-infectious diseases.

Nutritional deficiency related diseases

1. Nutrition affects several physical features. Exemplify.

2. Write a note on effects of malnutrition.

3. Write a note on malnutrition.

4. Write a note on impact of smoking on Health.

5. Write a note on drug abuse.

6. Write a note on non-communicable diseases.

(1981)

(2004)

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7. Write a note on Social concept of disease. **(2010)**

8. Write a note on Epidemiological anthropology. **(2012)**

9. Briefly discuss the important causes for the variations in occurrence and intensity of parasitic diseases among different populations. **(2012)**

10. What is meant by epidemiological transition? Elaborate upon its causes and consequences highlighting major health problems of our adult population today. **(2013)**

11. Discuss the role of anthropology in the understanding of health and disease. What specific understanding is available with respect to infectious and non-infectious diseases? **(2014)**

12. Describe the scope of Epidemiological Anthropology in the study of infectious and non-infectious diseases. **(2016)**

13. Narrate evolution of disease and major causes of ill health in human populations. **(2018)**

14. Critically examine the demographic and epidemiological consequences with rise in food production and sedentism. **(2020)**

15. Describe the impact of infectious diseases on indigenous populations. **(2020)**

16. What is meant by health? Is the burden of life style diseases on the rise? Justify your answer with suitable examples. **(2022)**

17. Elucidate the different forms of malnutrition. Describe protein-calorie malnutrition with suitable examples. **(2023)**

18. Write a note on Hemoglobin in health and disease. **(2024)**

19. Critically comment on the lifestyle diseases and their impact on human health. **(2024)**

10

Concept of human growth and development

Stages of growth - prenatal, natal, infant, childhood, adolescence, maturity, senescence. Factors affecting growth and development- genetic, environmental, biochemical, nutritional, cultural and socio- economic. Ageing and senescence. Theories and observations - biological and chronological longevity. Human physique and somatotypes.
Methodologies for growth studies.

NUMBER OF QUESTIONS : 43

1. Give a short account of the present-day growth studies in India.

(1985)

2. Describe the methods of studying growth and physical development of children. Discuss the role of hormonal and nutritional factors on human growth and development.

(1990)

3. Describe the stages of human physical growth and development and discuss the effect of nutrition and inbreeding on growth and development.

(1991)

4. Discuss the changes which are taking place in the tribal societies in India and describe the factors responsible for this.

(1992)

5. Write a note on senescence.

(1995)

6. Describe the patterns of human physical growth and development from birth to maturity.

(1995)

7. Write a note on longitudinal growth.

(1997)

8. Write a note on growth curves.

(1998)

9. What is meant by physical growth norms? How are these made and how do they depict the growth status of a population?

(1999)

10. Define growth and maturation and discuss the different factors affecting them.

(2001)

11. Write a note on methods for the study of human growth. **(2002)**

12. Differentiate between human growth and development and describe the various stages of human growth.

(2003)

13. Critically examine the role of nutritional, socio-economic and cultural factors on human growth and development.

(2004)

14. Write a note on Ageing. **(2005)**

15. Critically discuss the factors affecting human growth and development.

(2005)

16. Describe various methods of studying human growth specifying their merits and demerits.

(2006)

17. Differentiate between growth & development. List the factors affecting human growth and development.

(2009)

18. Discuss the theories of Ageing. **(2009)**

19. Write a note in 150 words on senescence and socio-economics in contemporary times.

20. Describe different methods of studying human growth.

(2011)

21. Define somatotype. Describe the salient features of different components of somatotype.

(2011)

22. Explain any two biological theories of ageing based on purposeful events.

(2012)

23. Write a note in 150 words on ageing and senescence. **(2013)**

24. Differentiate between child growth & development. **(2013)**

25. Write a note on cross-sectional methods of studying human growth.

(2014)

26. What are the different stages of Growth? Describe any one of them in detail.

(2014)

27. Discuss ageing and senescence. Describe either the biological or social theories of Ageing.

(2014)

28. Write a note on Longitudinal method of studying growth.

(2015)

29. What is an anthropometric somatotype? Describe Heath and Carter's method of somatotyping.

(2015)

30. Discuss different factors affecting growth and development in human beings.

(2016)

31. Describe the various methods of studying growth highlighting their merits and demerits.

(2017)

32. Discuss Sheldon's method of somatotyping.

(2017)

33. Write a note on issues of elderly and senescence in developing and developed countries.

(2018)

34. Explain the mechanisms of human variation in gene frequencies. **(2018)**

35. Write a note on genetico-environmental factors affecting human growth.

(2019)

36. Discuss the methods of studying human growth with their merits and demerits.

(2019)

37. Write note on the senescence. **(2020)**

38. Secular trend in human growth can be positive, negative or neutral. Illustrate with examples.

(2020)

39. Write a note on the human adolescent growth spurt. **(2021)**

40. Discuss the physiological and evolutionary theories of ageing. **(2021)**

41. Why Heath and Carter used anthropometric measurements instead of photographs of an individual to assess the somatotype? Elaborate their method.

(2022)

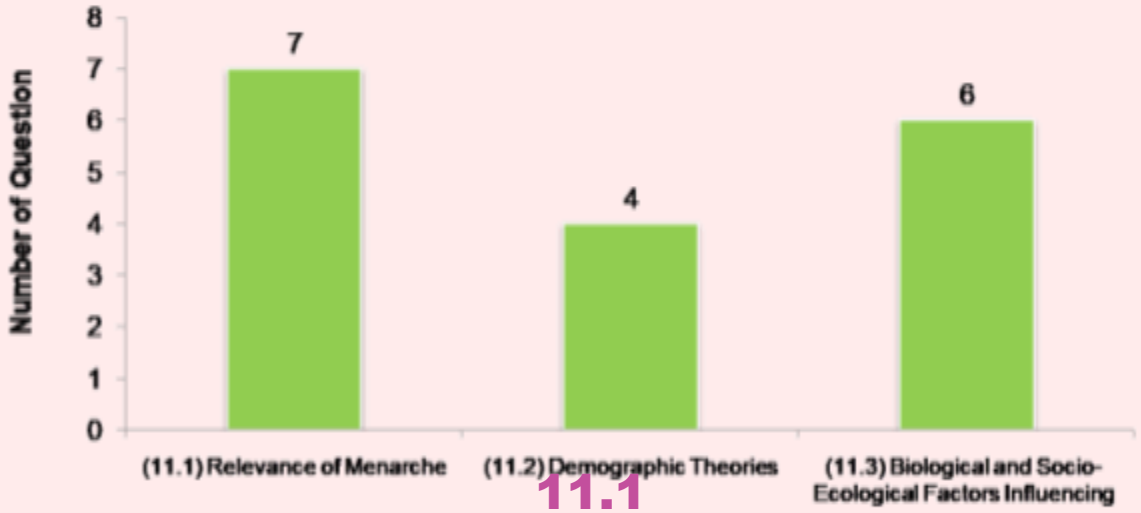
42. Write a note on the stages of human prenatal development. **(2022)**

43. What is mixed-longitudinal method of studying human growth?

Discuss its merits and demerits.

(2023)

TOPIC 11



11.1 Topic

Relevance of Menarche

Menopause and other bioevents to fertility. Fertility patterns and differentials.

1. Write a note on menarche and menopause. **(2001)**

2. Write a note on bioevent of fertility. **(2008)**

3. Discuss the relevance of menarche, menopause and other bio-events to fertility. **(2014)**

4. Write a note on menopause and its impact. **(2015)**

5. Write a note on age at menarche.

(2017)

6. Critically evaluate the reason of reduction in age at menarche in human females over the successive generations.

(2022)

7. Write a note on Menopausal symptoms .

(2023)

11.2

Demographic Theories-biological, social and cultural

1. Give a brief account of classification of Indian population as suggested by B.S. Guha, Critically examine his classification.

(1986)

2. Discuss the different theories which explain social and cultural changes.

(1999)

3. Write a note on Demographic Transition.

(2007)

4. Discuss the contemporary population problems in the light of various socio-cultural demographic theories.

(2022)

11.3

Biological and Socio-Ecological Factors Influencing

Fecundity, fertility, natality and mortality

1. Discuss the biological and socio-ecological factors influencing fertility and mortality.

(2005)

2. Distinguish between the terms 'fecundity' and 'fertility'. Are the factors influencing them distinguishable? Discuss.

(2010)

3. Write a note in 150 words on Fertility and Fecundity. **(2014)**

4. Define fecundity and explain major factors affecting fecundity in Indian populations.

(2018)

5. Discuss the bio-cultural factors influencing fertility in light of the relationship between fecundity and fertility.

(2019)

6. Discuss the bio-social determinants of fertility and fecundity. **(2021)**

12

Applications of Anthropology

Anthropology of sports, Nutritional anthropology, Anthropology in designing of defence and other equipments, Forensic Anthropology, Methods and principles of personal identification and reconstruction, Applied human genetics - Paternity diagnosis, genetic counseling and eugenics, DNA technology in diseases and medicine, serogenetics and cytogenetics in reproductive biology, Application of statistical methods.

NUMBER OF QUESTIONS : 37

1. Write a note on Applied Physical Anthropology.

(1988)

2. What is meant by Applied Anthropology? Explain its methods and scope in Indian context.

(1989)

3. Write a note on Applied anthropology. **(1990)**



4. Discuss the concepts of eugenics and euphenics and their potential applications to human welfare.

(1996)

5. Write a note on Forensic Anthropology.

(1996)

(1996)

6. Write a note on Nutritional ecology.

(1997)

7. Write a note on Anthropology of Sports.

8. Discuss the application of the human genetics in the field of Forensic Science and diagnosis and treatment of genetic disorders.

(1999)

9. Write a note on Chi-square Test.

(2000)

10. Evaluate the role of Serogenetics Cytogenetics in reproductive biology.

(2001)

11. What are the statistical methods used Physical Anthropology?

(2002)

(2003)

12. Write a note on Eugenics.

13. What do you understand by applied Physical Anthropology? Discuss the applications of anthropometry in designing defence and other equipments.

(2003)

14. Discuss the area in which the knowledge of human genetics can be applied.

Anthropology.

15. Write a note on Nutritional

16. Write a note on

personal identification.

(2004)

(2005)

(2006)

17. Briefly describe various applications of Physical Anthropology. **(2007)**

(2008)

18. Write a note on Nutritional anthropology.

19. Discuss the role of Anthropology in designing defence and other equipments.

(2008)

20. Analyse the various applications of Anthropological knowledge to solve medico-legal problems and in the reconstruction of evidence.

(2009)

21. Write a note on role of Forensic Anthropology in the field of personal identification.

(2010)

22. Write a note on Personal identification. **(2011)**

23. Discuss the application of anthropological knowledge in designing equipment.

(2011)

24. Explain the application of anthropological knowledge in genetic counselling, forensic science, sports and nutrition.

(2011)

25. Write a note on applications of Anthropometry in designing. **(2012)**

26. Briefly discuss the applications of the knowledge of human osteology in forensic investigations.

(2012)

27. What are the methods of personal identification? Critically examine how personal identification helps in criminal investigation.

28. Write a note on DNA technology in Medicine.

(2017)

(2015)

29. Elucidate the role of Anthropology in selection and monitoring of sports persons.

(2015)

30. Forensic Science can help in criminal investigations. Discuss. **(2015)**

31. Describe the role of Anthropology in designing defence and other equipments.

(2016)

32. Write a note on Anthropology and designing of equipments. **(2017)**

(2019)

33. Write a note on Anthropological inputs in facial reconstruction.

34. "Applied human genetics has come to touch every sphere of human life." Discuss in light of recent advances in molecular anthropology.

(2019)

34. Write note on the Ethics and Genetic engineering. **(2020)**

35. Discuss how anthropological knowledge of the human body may be used in designing equipments and articles of human use.

(2022)

36. Discuss various methods of personal identification based on skeletal remains.

(2023)

37. Describe the practical applications of DNA technology in the current scenario. **(2023)**

38. Discuss the applications of forensic anthropology with suitable examples. **(2024)**

13

Concept of Development from Anthropological Perspective

NUMBER OF QUESTIONS : 4

1. Discuss the methods concerning the welfare and development of Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribes.

(1990)

2. Write a note on Displacement and Rehabilitation.

(2001)

3. Explain the concept of sustainable development with reference to development and rehabilitation.

(2004)

4. Discuss the concept of people's participation in planned development.

(2005)

14

Relevance in understanding Contemporary society, Ethnicity, Nation state

NUMBER OF QUESTIONS : 8

1. Write a note on nation building processes in new states.

(1993)

2. Write a note on nation state.

(2002)

3. What is ethnicity? Does ethnicity add to conflicts and tensions in the society? Illustrate.

(2002)

4. Write a note on ethnic conflict.

(2004)

5. Explain Fredrik Barth's concept of ethnic boundaries. Explain its distinction from cultural content.

(2004)

6. Discuss the relationship of ethnicity and nation-state.

(2005)

7. Explain the impact of discovery of iron technology on contemporary society.

(2018)

8. Discuss political and methodological aspects of national character studies. Elucidate the contemporary relevance of such studies.

(2023)

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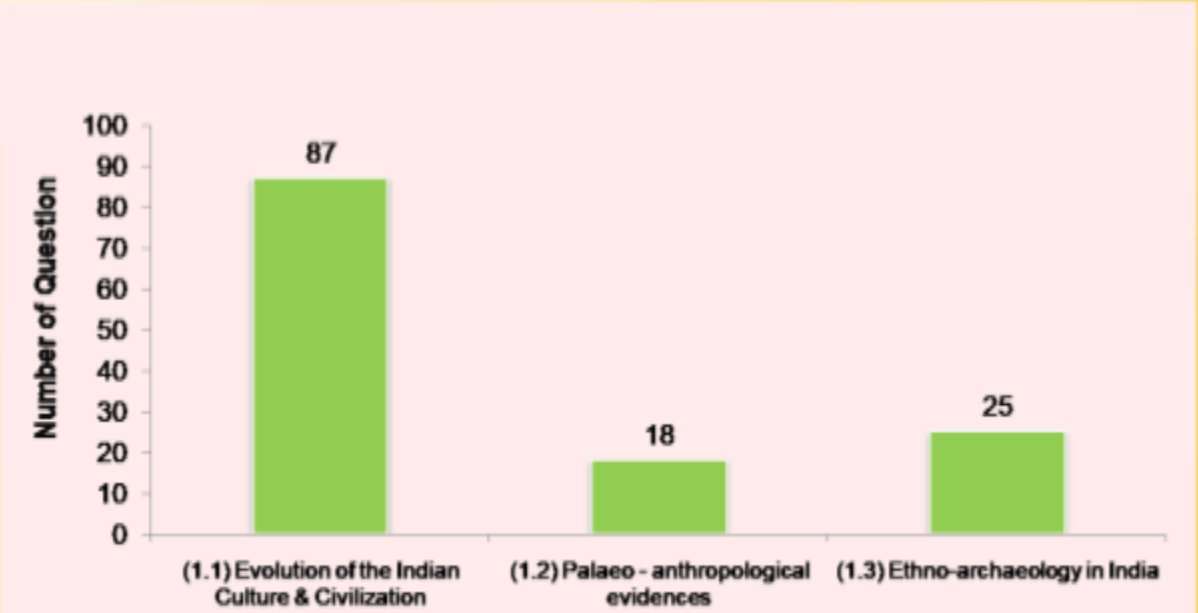
ANTHROPOLOGY

PAPER-II

TOPIC WISE TREND ANALYSIS OF QUESTIONS



TOPIC 1



Topic 1.1

Evolution of the Indian Culture & Civilization - Prehistoric (Paleolithic, Mesolithic, Neolithic and Neolithic -Chalcolithic). Protohistoric (Indus Civilization): Pre-Harappan, Harappan and post- Harappan cultures. Contributions of tribal cultures to Indian civilization.

1. Write a note on correlation between major environmental changes and cultural stages during pleitocene period in N.W. India. **(1981)**

2. Write a note on the economic bases of Indus civilization. **(1981)**

3. What are the main achievements of Indian civilization in the protohistoric period? **(1982)**

4. What are the important features of mesolithic phase of Indian prehistory?

(1983)

5. Write a note in 200 words: Neolithic revolution in India.

(1984)

6. Place the Soan culture in the paleolithic chronology in India and point out how it is distinguished from the Madrasian culture.

(1984)

7. What are the main features of Mesolithic cultures in general? What do you know about the origin and distribution of Mesolithic cultures in India?

(1985)

8. What is meant by Neolithic Revolution? What kinds of evidence do we get about Neolithic Revolution in India?

(1986)

9. Bring out the features which make the Indian paleolithic complex distinctive.

(1987)

10. India's protohistoric civilization is unique in the world. Discuss.

(1988)

11. Write a note: Indus Valley Civilization is regarded as the beginning of urban life of India. Discuss.

(1989)

12. Discuss the stratigraphic and chronological position of the Middle Stone Age industries in India and describe their significant features.

(1989)

13. What are the important features of Indus Valley Civilization? Examine the conditions that may have led to urbanization in the Indian region.

(1990)

14. Discuss the nature of urbanization in the Indus Valley Civilization. What factors led to its decline?

(1991)

15. Describe the salient features of the Neolithic culture of the Indian subcontinent.

(1992)

16. To what extent could the Mesolithic culture be attributed to a phase of transition between Paleolithic and Neolithic cultures? Illustrate the answer with apt examples.

(1993)

17. Point out the salient features of Middle Paleolithic industries and their makers. Illustrate your answer with examples from India.

(1994)

18. Write a note on decline of the Indus Valley Civilization.

(1994)

19. Bring out the salient features of Lower Paleolithic Culture complex in the Peninsular and extra Peninsular India.

(1995)

20. Write a note on genesis of urbanization in India.

(1995)

21. Write a note on Neolithic tool typology and technology of fabrication.

(1996)

22. Discuss the cultural characteristics of Upper Paleolithic period. Indicate its genesis and development in Indian context pointing to distribution and chronology.

(1996)

23. Write a note on dating methods in Prehistory.

(1997)

24. Describe the distinguishing characteristic features of South Indian Megaliths and compare these with either Central Indian or North-eastern Indian Megaliths.

(1997)

25. Describe the socio-cultural characteristics of the Neolithic period in India with suitable examples.

(1998)

26. Write a note on Proto-Neolithic.

(1999)

27. Describe any chalcolithic site in India with particular reference to industry and town planning.

(1999)

28. Critically examine various sources of India's culture and civilization. Also distinguish between primary and secondary civilization.

(1999)

29. Write a note on criteria of civilization.

(2000)

30. Describe the geographical spread of Indus Valley Civilization. What were the causes of its decline?

(2000)

31. Critically examine evidence of Upper Paleolithic in India. Discuss its characteristics.

(2001)

32. Write a note on ecological adaptation during Mesolithic.

(2001)

33. Write a note on traditional culture as concept.

(2001)

34. Write a note on Mesolithic culture in India.

(2001)

35. Name a few Chalcolithic sites in India and describe their most salient features.

(2002)

36. Write a note on town planning in Indus cultures.

(2003)

37. Critically examine the contributions of tribal cultures to the development of Vedic culture.

38. Write a note on typo-technology of Indian Paleolithic Culture. **(2004)**

(2005)

39. Write a note on Mesolithic culture in India.

40. Discuss the economic basis of Indus Civilization. What were the factors of its decline?

(2005)

41. Write a note on Burzahom.

(2006)

42. Write a note on initial period of Tribal Studies in India. **(2006)**

(2007)

43. Write a note on Neolithic Culture.

(2008)

44. Write a note on 'Langhnaj'.

45. Examine the contribution of Mesolithic culture to rise of Neolithic culture.

(2009)

46. Write a note in 150 words on Neolithic culture in India. **(2010)**

(2010)

47. Write a note in 150 words on Urban planning in Harappan culture.

48. Comment in detail on the socio-cultural life of the people of the Indus Valley Civilization.

(2010)

49. Examine Gordon Childe's statement, "Neolithic culture is a revolution".

(2010)

50. Write a note in 150 words on Iron Age in Gangetic region.

(2011)

51. Describe the characteristic features of Mesolithic Cultures in India. **(2011)**

52. Discuss the significance of Sohan in Indian Prehistory.

(2011)

53. Discuss the typology and distribution of Upper Paleolithic cultures in India.

(2012)

54. Write a note in 150 words on Palaeolithic Art.

(2012)

(2012)

55. Write a note in 150 words on Soan culture.

56. Compare the salient features and distribution of the Middle Paleolithic and Upper Palaeolithic cultures in India. Add a note on the tool traditions of the Upper Paleolithic period.

(2012)

57. Discuss salient features of Mesolithic culture in India with special reference to western India.

(2013)

58. Indian Paleolithic culture can neither be conceived chronologically homogenous nor as a uniform cultural phase. Discuss.

(2013)

59. Discuss the contributions of H.D. Sankalia to Prehistoric Anthropology in India.

(2013)

60. Write a note in 150 words on Neolithic cultures of N-E India.

(2014)

61. Describe what is known of Harappan Religion. Have some of its elements continued into later Hinduism? Discuss.

Prehistoric Rock Art of Central India.

62. Write a note in 150 words on South Indian Paleoliths.

63. Write a note in 150 words on

(2014)

(2015)

(2015)

64. Discuss the significance of Harappan Civilization sites from India.

(2015)

65. Write a note in 150 words on significance of Mesolithic findings from Belan
Valley.

(2016)

66. Give a detailed appraisal of skeletal remains from Chalcolithic culture of undivided Punjab.

(2016)

67. Write a note in 150 words on Neolithic cultures of South India.

(2017)

(2017)

68. Describe the salient features of Chalcolithic cultures of the Deccan.

69. Describe various aspects of trade and religion of Harappan civilization.

(2017)

70. Explain the contribution of tribal cultures to Indian civilization.

(2018)

(2018)

71. Examine the regional variations of Mesolithic cultures of India.

(2018)

72. Write a note in 150 words on Town Planning of Harappan Culture.

73. Elucidate Mesolithic culture and associated rock art with examples from India.

(2019)

74. Discuss with examples the Megalithic culture of India in the archaeological context.

(2019)

75. Describe the Paleolithic culture with special reference to Soanian tradition. Indicate the problems of describing the Indian Paleolithic.

(2019)

76. What kind of society may be reconstructed from the archaeological evidences of Harappan culture?

(2019)

77. Write a note in 150 words on distribution of Neolithic sites in India. **(2019)**

(2020)

78. Discuss the characteristic features of 'Neolithic culture' in India. **(2021)**

79. Write a short note on the Harappan seals.

80. Critically discuss the origin of Indus Valley Civilization. Mention the evidences of its endogenous origin from the pre-Harappan sites.

(2021)

81. Give the distribution and characteristic features of Upper Paleolithic culture in India.

(2021)

82. Write a short note on the pit-dwellers of Kashmir. **(2022)**

83. Make a critical appraisal of Megalithic tradition in India with special reference to North-East India.

(2022)

84. Describe briefly the proto-history of Gujarat. Discuss the significance of Gujarat proto- history in international trade.

(2022)

85. Write a short notes on Prehistoric rock arts from Uttarakhand. **(2023)**

86. "Indus Valley was the first settlement of the big civilization." Comment critically.

(2023)

87. Was Mesolithic culture the first step towards sedentary way of life? Illustrate your answer by citing suitable examples. **(2023)**

88. Critically describe evidences from Rakhi Garhi and its linkages to Harappan civilization. **(2024)**

89. Describe the important Paleolithic sites from South India with suitable examples. What is the significance of South Indian Paleolithic cultures? **(2024)**

1.2

Palaeo - anthropological evidences from India with special reference to Siwaliks and Narmada basin (Ramapithecus, Sivapithecus and Narmada Man)

1. Examine the evidence of upper paleolithic cultures in different regions of India.

(1982)

2. Write a note on Homo erectus narmadensis. **(1993)**

3. Write a note on paleoanthropological significance of Narmada Man.

(2008)

4. Write a note on importance of the Siwaliks in Anthropology. **(2009)**

(2010)

5. Write a note on Sivapithecus.

(2012)

6. Write a note on Narmada Man.

7. Write a note in 150 words : Examine the debates related to Ramapithecus.

(2013)

8. Describe the evolutionary significance of the fossil finds of the Narmada Basin.

(2014)

9. Describe the paleoanthropological fossil finds from Siwalik hills. Examine the contribution of Siwalik fossils to paleoanthropological knowledge.

(2015)

10. Delineate the salient characteristics of 'Narmada Man' and examine its phylogenetic significance.

(2016)

11. Describe the salient features ol Ramapithecus. **(2017)**

12. Describe the salient features of Sivapithecus.

(2018)

13. Write a note in 150 words on Phylogenetic position and morphological features of Ramapithecus.

(2019)

14. Write a short note on the Narmada Man. **(2020)**

15. Discuss the morphological features and phylogenetic position of Ramapithecus.

(2021)

16. What are the arguments for excluding Narmada Man from Homo erectus category?

(2022)

17. Write a short note on Ramapithecus-Sivapithecus debate. **(2023)**

18. "Siwalik deposits show a variety of Neogene fossil primates." Critically examine.

(2023)

1.3

Ethno-archaeology in India: The concept of ethno-archaeology; Survivals and Parallels among the hunting, foraging fishing, pastoral and peasant communities including arts and crafts producing communities

1. Write a note on Food gatherers among Indian Tribe.

(1981)

2. Write a note on Shifting cultivation of different geophysical contexts.

(1982)

3. Write a note on Peasant society.

4. Write a note on Pastoralism.

(1985)

(1985)

5. Give in detail the ethnographic profits of either a matrilineal or a polyandrous tribe of India.

(1986)

6. Write a note on Hunting and food- gathering tribes of India. **(1988)**

7. Delineate the major social and cultural characteristics of Indian tribes at the hunting and food gathering stage. How is their ecological adaptation reflected in the world-view?

(1991)

8. Write a note on Shifting cultivation in the context of land use pattern.

(1993)

9. Write a note on Shifting cultivation, its merits and demerits. **(1997)**

(2008)

10. Write a note on Concept of Ethnoarchaeology.

(2009)

11. Write a note on New Archaeology.

12. Write a note in 150 words on Future of Hunting and Gathering Tribes.

(2011)

13. Discuss alternatives for shifting cultivators in the context of ecological costs and humanistic concerns.

(2013)

14. Discuss the importance of the ethno- archaeological approach to the study of indigenous craft in India.

(2014)

15. Write a note on Ethno-archaeological evidences for the survival of hunting- gathering traditions in India.

(2016)

16. Write a note on Ethnoarchaeology. **(2017)**

17. Discuss the relevance of art and craft traditions in the understanding of Indian archaeology.

(2017)

18. Write a note on Ethnoarchaeology as a research strategy. **(2018)**

19. Write a note on Ethno-archaeological analysis of hunting activities of contemporary tribal communities.

(2019)

20. What are the salient issues faced by pastoral communities in India? Discus with suitable examples.

(2019)

21. Write a short note on the contribution of Robert Bruce Foote to Indian Archaeology.

(2020)

22. Write a short note on the Debates on 'Aryan' invasion. **(2020)**

23. Discuss the contribution of V. N. Misra to Archaeological Anthropology in India.

(2020)

24. Discuss the importance of Ethno-archaeology in reconstructing the past citing Indian examples.

(2020)

25. Write a note on Material culture and archaeology. . **(2023)**

TOPIC 2

Demographic profile of India: Ethnic and linguistic elements in the Indian population and their distribution. Indian population- factors influencing its structure and growth; Racial classification of Indian tribes; System of kinship in India

NUMBER OF QUESTIONS : 56

1. Write a note on distribution of Dravidian linguistic elements among Indian people.

(1981)

2. Write a note on controversy over the existence of Negrito racial strain in Indian population.

(1981)

3. Distribution of polyandry in India.

(1981)

4. Write a note on (200 words): Matrilineal cultures in India.

(1982)

5. Discuss some of the important attempts to classify the racial elements in Indian population.

(1982

6. Give an account of the distribution of blood group among Indian population. Is there a correlation between the distribution of blood groups and physical types?

(1983)

7. Write a note in 200 words: Economic aspects of joint family.

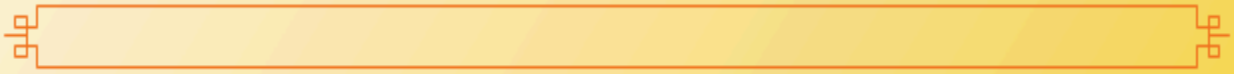
(1983)

(1983)

8. Write a note in 200 words: Polyandrous families.

(1984)

9. Write a note in 200 words: Linguistic diversity in India.



10. Write a note on Monogoloid racial element in Indian population. **(1985)**

(1986)

11. Write a note on Joint family in modern India. **(1987)**

12. Write a note on Nayar tharavad and universality of the family. **(1987)**

13. Write a note on Social elements in Indian population.

14. Write a note on racial elements among the Scheduled Tribes of India. **(1988)**

15. Write a note on: Guha's classification on the ethnic composition of the people of India is not adequate. Comment. **(1989)**

16. Write a note on distribution of Austric family of languages in India. **(1989)**

(1989)

17. Write a note on structure and function of Joint family.

18. Write a note on distribution of Dravidian family of languages in India. **(1990)**

19. Write a note on critical approach of Guha's classification of ethnic elements in indian population. **(1991)**

20. Write a note on Joint family system in India. **(1992)**

21. Write a note on controversy over the existence on Negrito racial strain in Indian population.

(1992)

22. Write a note on caste bound occupations vis-a-vis urban populations.

(1993)

23. What are the major linguistic families in India? Identify such families, showing the geographical distribution and the population groups under different families.

(1993)

24. Discuss the racial classification of Indian population as per B.S. Guha. Mention the criticism propounded by other anthropologists.

(1994)

25. Write a note on social implication of sex- ratio in Indian population. **(1995)**

(1996)

26. Write a note on child mortality in rural India.

27. Discuss the major linguistic divisions in the Indian population. Also point out the role of language in ethno-political movements.

(1996)

28. Critically evaluate the Indian population policies. Suggest appropriate measure for its improvement.

(1997)

29. Point out the salient features of traditional joint family system in India. Trace causes for its disintegration in recent decades.

(1999)

30. Write a note on Negrito elements in India. **(2000)**

31. Write a note on age specific and sex specific mortality rates and dependent factor.

(2002)

32. Write a note on Demographic transition in India. **(2004)**

33. Bring out the interrelationship between population growth and

development in the Indian context.

(2004)

34. Write in brief 'Population Growth in India indicating causes and measures its control'.

(2006)

35. Write a note on Linguistic distribution of Indian population.

(2006)

36. Describe ethnic elements in the Indian population focussing either on Risley's or Guha's classification.

(2007)

37. Write a note on the distribution of Indo- Aryan languages.

(2008)

(2008)

38. Write a note on Mediterranean element in Indian population.

(2008)

39. Is Risley's racial classification of Indian population valid?

40. Discuss the relevance of Guha's racial classification in the context of India's ethnic groups.

(2010)

41. Critically examine the factors responsible for the high population growth in India and suggest suitable measures for population control.

42. Describe the linguistic elements in Indian population.

43. Briefly comment on the linkage between:

    (i) Gender and Customary Law

    (ii) Gender and Caste

44. Write a note in 150 words on major linguistic divisions of India.

(2010)

(2011)

(2012)

(2014)

45. Outline the distribution of Dravidian languages in India and describe their cultural significance.

(2014)

46. Briefly describe the classical models of ethnic and linguistic classification of Indian population. Discuss its relevance today.

(2015)

47. Write a note in 150 words on Linguistic elements in Indian population.

(2016)

48. Write a note in 150 words on Austro-asiatic linguistic groups in India.

(2017)

49. Give your assessment of the reasons for the imbalance in the sex-ratio in India.

(2017)

50. Write a note in 150 words on endangered languages.

(2018)

51. What are the various factors influencing population growth in India? Discuss.

(2018)

52. Write a note in 150 words on distribution of Tibeto-Burman group of languages in India.

(2019)

53. Write a short note on the Dravidian languages.

(2020)

54. Delineate the factors influencing fertility in Indian population.

(2021)

55. Describe the methods adopted by Sir Herbert Hope Risley in classifying Indian populations. What are the criticisms against Risley's classification?

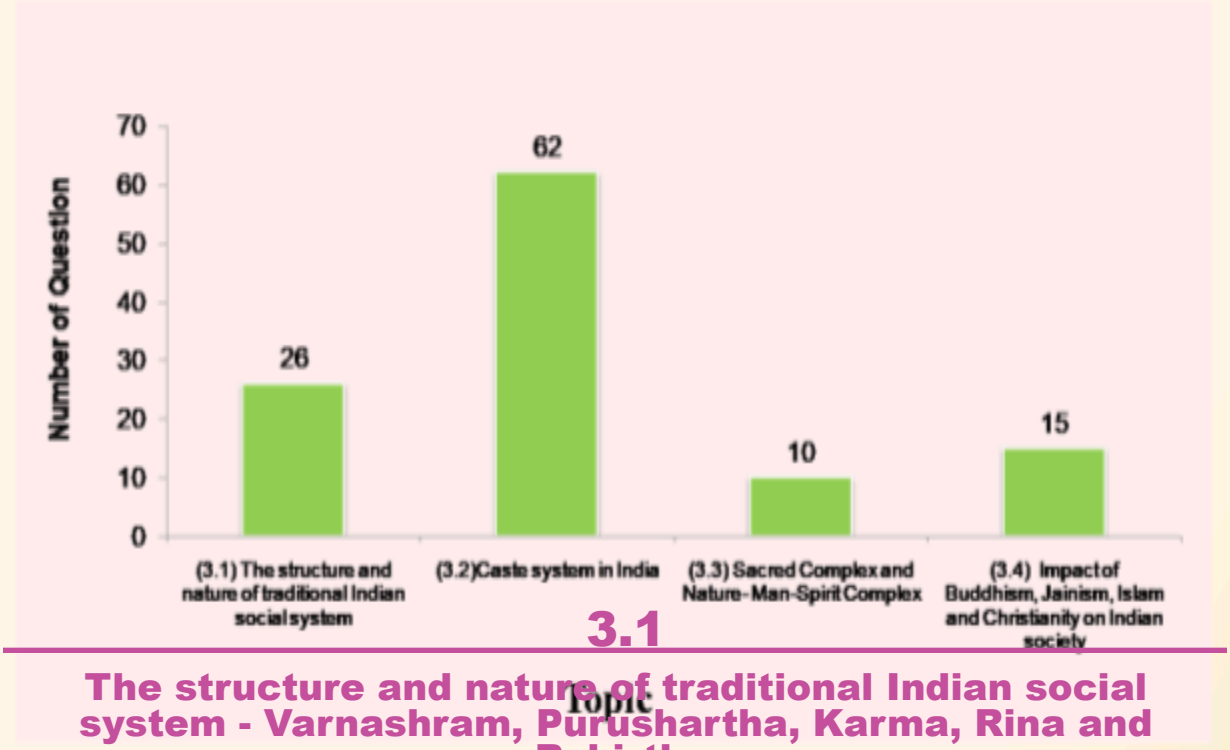
(2022)

56. Critically compare Risley's and Sarkar's approaches to the classification of peoples of India.

(2023)

57. What are the demographic challenges of India's changing population dynamics in the next 50 years? **(2024)**

TOPIC 3



3.1 Topic

The structure and nature of traditional Indian social system - Varnashram, Purushartha, Karma, Rina and Rebirth.

1. Write a note on (200 words): Varnasaram dharma.

(1982)

2. Write a note in 200 words: Significance of Varna and Ashram as regulators of social life.

(1984)

3. Write a note on Purushartha Chatushtaya. **(1987)**

4. Write a note on social significance of Grihastha Ashram. **(1994)**

5. Describe the major purusharthas according to Hindu scriptures and discuss the social significance of Harmonious management of 'Trivarga'.

(1994)

6. Explain the concept of "Rina" according to the Hindu Scriptures. What were the mechanisms suggested by the scholars to reply the "Rinas"?

(1995)

7. Write a note on importance of Karma in Hindu social system.

(1996)

(1997)

8. Write a note on concept of rebirth in Hindu Social System.

(1997)

9. Write a note on significance of Varna and Caste.

10. Discuss the basic of Indian Social System. Do you find any change today?

(1998)

11. Write a note on concept of Karma in relation to caste.

(2000)

12. Write a note on concept of Rina Rebirth.

(2002)

(2003)

13. Write a note on significance of Purushartha.

14. Trace the broad unifying features of the traditional Hindu society in the anthropological perspective.

(2004)

15. Write a note on Varnashram.

(2005)

16. Write a note on Karma.

(2006)

(2007)

17. Write a note on Purushartha.

18. Write a detailed note on polyandrous societies, citing Indian examples.

(2009)

19. Write a note in 150 words on philosophy behind Purushartha.

(2011)

20. Write a note in 150 words on Varnashram and the concept of Rina. **(2017)**

(2018)

21. Write a note in 150 words on Philosophy behind Purusharthas.

22. Write a note in 150 words on the use of doctrine of Karma and rebirth in justifying the Varna system.

(2019)

23. Write short note on the Purushartha and righteous living today. **(2021)**

(2022)

24. Write a short note on the Dharma versus Religion.

(2023)

25. Write a short note on Interface between Purushartha and Ashrama. **(2023)**

26. Write a short note on Karma and Rebirth.

3.2

Caste system in India- structure and characteristics, Varna and caste, Theories of origin of caste system, Dominant caste, Caste mobility, Future of caste system, Jajmani system, Tribe- caste continuum

1. Discuss the inter-related concepts of Varna and Jati Caste. Do you agree with the view that in the context of existing realities in village India, it is the caste that is important and not the Varna?

(1981)

2. Write a note on (200 words): Concept of dominant caste and its relevance in the study of political processes.

(1982)

3. Write a note in 200 words: Inter-caste hierarchy in any region of India.

(1983)

4. Write a note in 200 words: Distinction between tribe and caste.

(1984)

5. Examine the changes that have come about in caste system and joint family in modern India.

(1984)

6. Write a note on Varna model of caste.

(1986)

7. Write a note on Tribe-caste continuum.

(1987)

(1988)

8. Write a note on concept of purity and the caste system.

9. Discuss relationship between "dominant caste" and economic development" in rural India.

(1988)

10. Write a note on "Tribe" and "Caste" as closed ethnic groups.

(1988)

11. Discuss the concept of social significance and comment on caste as a stratified system of interaction.

(1989)

12. Write a note on role of Dominant caste in the political institutions of a peasant village.

(1990)

13. Discuss the essential features of the caste system in India. Critically examine its role in the changing social context in contemporary times.

(1990)

14. Write a note on Concept of caste as a hierarchical system based on the opposition between 'pure' and 'impure".

(1991)

15. What is the notion of 'folk-urban continuum' in the study of peasant society? Is it applicable to Indian conditions?

(1991)

16. Write a note on Tribe caste continuum.

(1992)

17. Describe the tribe-caste continuum in India. Is this continuum relevant in the modern Indian society?

(1994)

18. Distinguish between varna and caste.

(1995)

19. Examine the role of joint family in Hindu social system and its impacts on caste system.

(1997)

20. Write a note on Folk-Urban Continuum.

(1998)

(1998)

21. Write a note on Jajmani System.

(1998)

22. Write a note on Caste mobility.

23. Now we live more in a class than a caste. Discuss the role of kinship in this changed situation.

(1998)

24. Write a note on Dominant Caste.

(1999)

25. Write a note on Tribe-caste continuum.

(2000)

26. Define the Jajmani system. Analyse the changes in the relationship between caste and occupation in contemporary rural society.

(2000)

27. Explain criteria for dominant caste. How far is this concept still crucial to our understanding of India's villages after implementation of

reservations in democratic institutions ? Discuss.

(2001)

28. Write a note on caste as a pattern of social stratification. **(2003)**

(2003)

29. Write a note on Folk-Urban Continuum. **(2004)**

30. Write a note on Tribe-Caste Continuum. **(2007)**

31. Write a note on Jajmani System. **(2008)**

32. Is Tribe-Caste Continuum a reality or myth? Discuss.

33. Discuss the salient features of the prevalent hypotheses on the future of the caste system in India.

(2009)

34. Bring out the various features and the importance of the 'dominant caste' concept.

(2009)

35. Examine the role of the caste system in the present political context.

(2010)

36. Is the present political system strengthening the caste system? Discuss.

(2010)

37. Discuss the relevance of the concept Dominant caste in the context of contemporary Indian society.

(2011)

38. Critically examine the theories of Origin of Castes. **(2011)**

39. Write a note in 150 words on : Discuss how Louis Dumont explained caste system.

(2013)

40. What is Jajmani system? Examine the views on Jajmani system as an egalitarian as well as exploitative system. Give reasons for its decline.

(2013)

41. Examine the criticisms on the concept of dominant caste. **(2013)**

(2014)

42. Do you think caste persists in contemporary India? Critically discuss.

43. Define the concept 'Dominant Caste' and examine its relevance in the contemporary Indian village with suitable examples.

(2014)

44. Critically examine the concept of tribe- caste continuum and its relevance in contemporary India.

(2015)

45. What do you understand by dynamics of caste mobility? How did the concept of Sanskritization contribute to its functionality?

(2015)

46. Write a note in 150 words on relevance of caste in contemporary Indian politics.

(2016)

47. Examine the structural and cultural theories of caste system in India.

(2016)

48. How is process of tribe-caste continuum different from Sanskritisation? Comment.

(2016)

49. Discuss the impact of market economy on the Jajmani system. **(2017)**

50. Based on historical and contemporary evidences, discuss the future of caste system in India.

(2018)

51. Discuss the view that caste is not social stratification, but a system of hierarchy.

(2018)

52. Explain the significance of tribe-caste continuum in the present context.

53. Write a note in 150 words on the Jajmani system and contemporary market economy.

(2019)

54. Discuss the characteristics of caste system in India. **(2020)**

55. Write a short notes on concept of 'Dominant' caste. **(2020)**

(2021)

56. Write short note on the relevance of tribe- caste continuum. **(2021)**

(2021)

57. Write short note on the caste and social capital.

58. Write short note on the factionalism and politics in rural India.

59. Critically describe Dr. B. R. Ambedkar's argument on the origin of Indian caste system.

(2022)

60. Write short notes on Jajmani system : Continuity and change. **(2023)**

61. Is caste mobility a recent phenomenon? Discuss in the light of Indological and Empirical context.

(2023)

62. Is annihilation of caste possible? Discuss the future of caste system in the light of various proactive measures taken by the Indian State.

(2023)

63. Discuss the theories on origin of caste system and its criticism in India. Differentiate between caste, class and race. **(2024)**

3.3

Sacred Complex and Nature- Man-Spirit Complex

1. Write a note in 200 words: Nature-man-spirit complex. **(1983)**

2. Write a note on concept of sacred complex in the Indian Society. **(1990)**

3. Write a note on basic principles concerned with nature-man-spirit complex

(1993)

4. Write a note on Sacred Complex. **(1999)**

5. Write a note in 150 words on Sacred Geography. **(2012)**

(2013)

6. Examine Nature-man-spirit complex as an ecological concept.

7. Describe the concept of 'Sacred Complex' with an ethnographic example.

(2014)

8. Write a note on the Sacred complex as a dimension of Indian civilization.

(2015)

9. Critically examine the contributions of Makhan Jha and B.N. Saraswati to the study of sacred complexes in India.

(2018)

10. Explain the impact of the concept of nature-man-spirit complex on sustainable use of natural resources with suitable examples.

(2021)

3.4

Impact of Buddhism, Jainism, Islam and Christianity on Indian society

1. Account for the emergence of new religions in India in the 6th century B.C.

(1998)

2. Evaluate the impact of Buddhism, Jainism, Islam and Christianity on Indian society and culture in anthropological terms.

(2003)

3. Write a note on Buddhism, Christianity and Scheduled Castes. **(2004)**

4. Write a note on impact of Islam on Indian society. **(2005)**

5. Write a note in 150 words on Sufi tradition of Islam. **(2013)**

6. Discuss the contribution of Islam to the composite culture of India. **(2014)** **(2015)**

7. Write a note in 150 words on Islam and Matriliny. **(2016)**

8. Write a note in 150 words on impact of Jainism on Indian society.

9. Explain how Buddhism influenced the economic and cultural transformations of Indian society. **(2017)**

10. Explain the impact of Buddhism and Jainism on Indian society. **(2018)**

11. What has been the impact of non-Hindu religions on the emancipation of Schedule Castes in India? **(2019)**

12. Discuss the impact of Islam on Indian Society. **(2020)**

13. Write a short note on the Varna and Buddhism. **(2022)**

14. Write a short note Religious pluralism and social solidarity. **(2023)**

15. Discuss the basic tenets of Jainism and its impact on Indian society.

(2023)

4

Emergence and growth of Anthropology in India-Contributions of the 18th, 19th and early 20th Century scholar- administrators. Contributions of Indian Anthropologists to tribal and caste studies

NUMBER OF QUESTIONS : 44

1. Write an essay on the growth of Anthropology in India.

(1985)

2. Briefly describe the highpoints in the growth of Indian Anthropology and evaluate the contributions made either by D.N. Majumdar or Verrier Elwin.

(1987)

3. Discuss the major concept and approaches employed by the Anthropologists in the study of peasant society in India.

(1990)

4. Write a note on distinctive features in the growth of Indian Anthropology.

(1992)

5. Critically discuss the major Anthropological contributions in the study of Indian tribal population.

(1993)

6. Give a brief summary on the growth of Indian Anthropology indicating the factors responsible and the results achieved.

(1994)

7. Write a note on Maler's perception of the habitat.

(1995)

8. Discuss the major contributions of von Furer Haimendorf to Indian Anthropology.

(1995)

9. Estimate the contributions of S.C. Roy in the field of ethnography and his influence or the growth of Anthropology in India.

(1996)

10. Assess the growth and development of Anthropology in India. Illustrate the contributions of early twentieth century Anthropologists in Tribal and Caste studies.

(1997)

11. Write a note on V. Elwin and his contributions.

(1998)

12. Write a note on S.C. Roy's contributions to anthropology.

(2001)

(2002)

13. Write a note on K.S. Singh's project on the People of India.

14. Critically examine the contributions of some of the British scholar administrators to Indian anthropology.

(2002)

15. Give an account of the contributions of Indian scholars in the growth and development of Anthropology in India in early 20th century.

(2005)

16. Write a note on N.K. Bose's contribution to Indian Anthropology.

(2006)

17. Briefly discuss the contribution of Indian anthropologists during 20th century.

(2006)

18. Highlight the contributions of Indian anthropologists in the understanding of tribal life.

(2007)

19. Write a brief note on the contributions of Prof. LP.Vidyarthi in the field of anthropology.

(2009)

20. Assess the contributions of M.N. Srinivas towards Indian Anthropology in general. Add a note on his understanding in the context of studying

social mobility in India.

(2010)

21. Evaluate the contribution of American anthropologists to Indian anthropology.

(2011)

22. Assess the contribution of Verrier Elwin to Indian anthropology.

(2011)

23. Trace the trajectory of encyclopaedic work on tribes and castes of South India with special reference to Ananthakrishna Iyer's contribution.

(2012)

24. Compare the contributions of S.C. Roy and Verrier Elwin to tribal ethnograpies in India.

(2012)

25. Assess the contributions of earth 20th century ethnographic tradition to Indian anthropology.

(2013)

26. Examine the anthropological contributions dealing with tribes and Indian civilization.

(2013)

27. Write a note in 150 words on contribution of H. H. Risley to the 'Aryan' debate.

(2014)

28. Discuss the contributions of S.C. Roy understanding the tribes of India.

(2014)

29. Write a note in 150 words on Elwin-Ghurye debate on Tribes.

(2015)

30. Discuss the contribution of M.N. Srinivas to the study of Indian society. Examine the influence of British social anthropologists on his ideas.

(2015)

31. Write about the contribution made by Christoph von Furer-Haimendorf to tribal anthropology in India.

(2016)

32. Compare the contribution of L.P. Vidyarthi and D.N. Majumdar to the study of Indian tribes.

(2016)

33. Discuss the contribution of Nirmal Kumar Bose to the understanding of Indian society.

(2017)

34. Examine the colonial administrators' view that Indian villages can be considered as 'little republics'.

(2018)

35. Compare and contrast the economic typology of tribes given by different Anthropologists.

(2018)

36. Discuss the contribution of S. C. Roy in the study of tribal cultures in India.

(2018)

37. Give an account of the contributions of Iravati Karve and B.S. Guha to the analysis of race and caste in India.

(2019)

38. Write about the role of colonial administration in the development of Anthropology in India.

(2019)

39. Write a short note on the contribution of K.S. Singh to Indian Anthropology.

(2020)

40. Examine the contributions of S.C. Roy in highlighting the role of customary laws in tribal life.

(2021)

41. Discuss the contributions of N.K. Bose in understanding tribal communities and their place in Indian civilization.

(2021)

42. Illustrate the contribution of Irawati Karve to Indian Anthropology. Make a special mention of her literary contribution.

(2022)

43. Assess the contributions of S. C. Dube in Indian village studies.

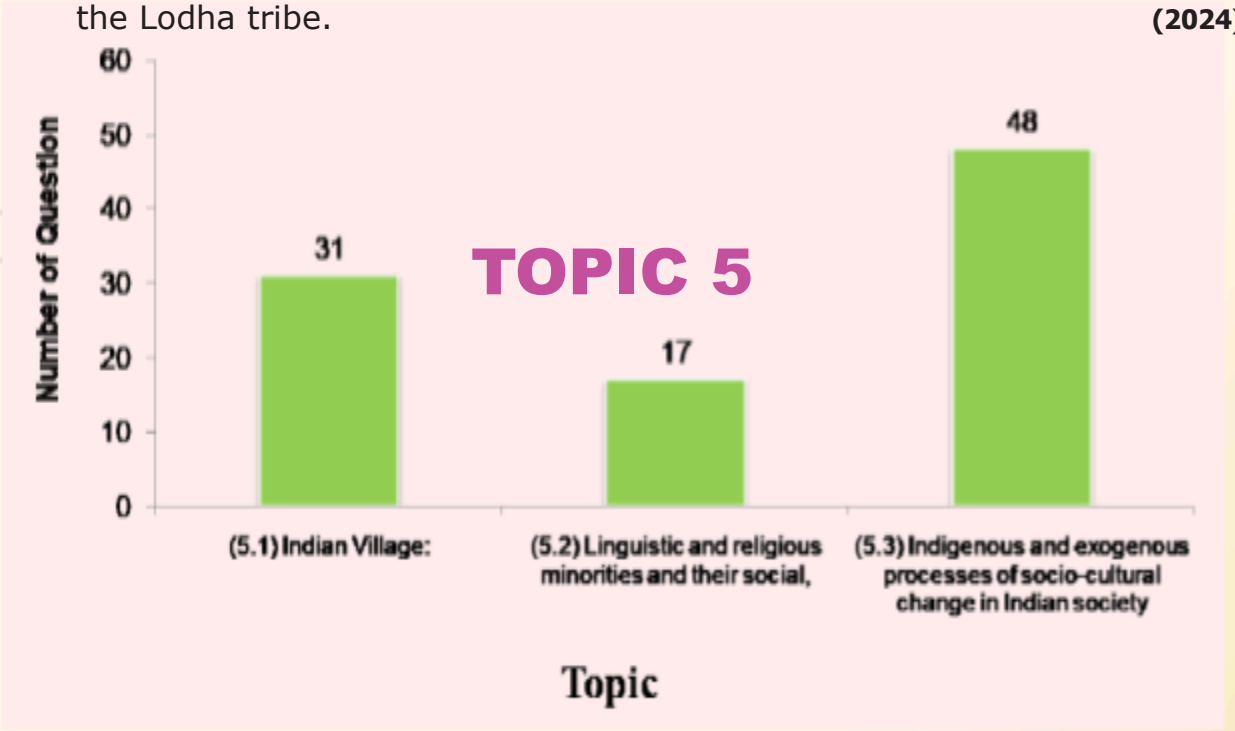
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44. Critically evaluate the contributions of S.C. Roy to Indian anthropology.

(2023)

45. Deconstruct the colonial history of Indian Anthropology highlighting the critical role played by the Indian Anthropologists in sustaining its autonomy. **(2024)**

46. Discuss the contribution of P.K. Bhowmick in decriminalising the status of the Lodha tribe. **(2024)**



TOPIC 5

5.1

Indian Village: Significance of village study in India; Indian village as a social system; Traditional and changing patterns of settlement and inter-caste relations; Agrarian relations in Indian villages; Impact of globalization on Indian villages

1. Write a note on (200 words): Cultural parochialization in village India.

(1982)

2. Write a note on (200 words): Distinctive features of peasant society.

(1982)

3. Write a note on (200 words): Impact of industrialization on simple societies.

4. Write a note on form of labour bondage in Indian agriculture. **(1991)**

(1991)

5. Write a note on Problem of shifting cultivation in Indian tribes.

6. "Village studies are crucial in the understanding of Indian life and culture." Who were the pioneer anthropologists undertake such studies? Give a comprehensive picture of any one of them.

(1998)

7. Evaluate various changes in social organization of India's villages due to impinging pressures of the market economy on them.

(2001)

8. What do you understand by Green Revolution? What are its economic and ecological dimensions?

(2002)

9. Write a note on village studies in India. **(2002)**

10. Write a note on Globalisation and Indian peasantry. **(2004)**

11. Analyse how the village studies contributed in understanding the Indian Social System.

(2004)

12. Describe the significant contributions of village studies in India in the understanding of social transformations.

(2009)

13. Discuss the contributions of S.C. Dube towards the understanding of the Indian village.

(2010)

14. How has globalisation impact agrarian relations in the last two decades?

(2012)

15. Indian farmers are not slow to react to economic opportunities. Discuss this statement.

(2013)

16. Discuss the impact of globalization on village economy in India. **(2015)**

17. Examine the contribution of village studies towards the understanding of Indian social system.

(2015)

18. Describe the traditional patterns of settlement of Indian villages. **(2016)**

(2016)

19. Explain Indian village as a social system with suitable examples.

20. Give a critical evaluation of any one anthropological village study in India.

(2017)

21. Discuss the impact of market economy on rural villages. **(2018)**

22. Write a note in 150 words on Agrarian social structure. **(2018)**

(2019)

23. Discuss the impact of media on the social life of Indian villages.

24. Identify the theoretical concepts that have emerged out of village studies in India.

(2019)

25. Describe the impact of industrialization on the economic and social aspects of India's villages.

'Khap' Panchayat.

26. Write a short note on the

27. Discuss the impact of Globalization on Indian villages. **(2019)**

(2020)

(2020)

28. Describe the different settlement patterns in rural India.

(2020)

29. Examine how structural transformation in economy is affecting traditional social relationships in agrarian society.

(2021)

30. "Globalisation, on one hand has provided opportunities and on the other hand thrown challenges to Indian villages." Elucidate.

(2022)

31. Write a short note on:
Village as little republic. **(2023)**

32. Compare and contrast the approaches of M.N. Srinivas and L.P. Vidyarthi to social change in village India. **(2024)**

5.2

Linguistic and religious minorities and their social, political and economic status

1. Write a note on 'the state should protect the personal laws of religious minorities'. Discuss with reference to the problems of national integration.

(1991)

2. Write a note on special provisions for minorities.

(1993)

3. Distinguish between the characteristics. and problems of linguistic and religious minorities in India. Give examples of conflicts generated by such considerations and steps to resolve them.

(2000)

4. Discuss the socio-economic status of religious minorities in India. Identify their role in politics.

(2003)

5. Linguistic and religious minorities are particularly vulnerable to political manipulations. Comment.

(2005)

6. What are the issues and socio-economic problems arising out of being

a religious minority? Discuss.

(2007)

7. Write a note in 150 words on factors contributing to communalism.

(2011)

8. Critically examine the prevalence of caste ideology among religious minorities in the Indian context.

(2012)

9. Discuss the significance of study of religious centres to the understanding Indian civilization.

(2013)

10. Discuss the problems faced by religious minorities in India.

(2015)

(2017)

11. Discuss the social, political and economic status of Muslims in India.

12. Write a note in 150 words on OBCs among non-Hindu communities.

(2018)

13. Write a short note on the linguistic minorities in India.

(2020)

14. What are the social and political problems of religious minorities in India?

(2020)

15. Write a short note on the cultural diversity and multiculturalism.

(2021)

16. Delineate the constitutional safeguard for religious minorities in India.

(2021)

17. Write a short note on the safeguards for linguistic minorities in India.

(2022)

18. Write a short note on Syro-Malabar Christians. **(2024)**

5.3

Indigenous and exogenous processes of socio-cultural change in Indian society: Sanskritization, Westernization, Modernization; Inter-play of little and great traditions; Panchayati raj and social change; Media and social change

1. Explain with the help of suitable examples how great and little traditions interact with each other in Indian society.

(1981)

2. Describe the different forms and process of sanskritization and assess the overall impact of this phenomenon on caste structure in India.

(1981)

3. Write a note in 200 words: Little traditions and their significance. **(1983)**

4. Write a note in 200 words: Sanskritization as a mode of social change.

(1983)

5. Assess the nature of social change in India since Independence, especially pertaining to the main institutions of the society.

(1983)

6. Discuss in what way the study of Great tradition and Little tradition is essential for understanding the cultural processes of Indian civilization.

(1984)

7. Write a note on Universalization. **(1985)**

8. Write a note on Little tradition. **(1986)**

9. Discuss how the concepts of Sanskritization and Westernization. Explain the processes of change in Indian society and culture.

(1986)

10. "Tradition is a single unbroken chain." Discuss this statement throwing light on the relevance of the use of the terms, Great Tradition and Little Tradition in India in the fields of (a) religion, (b) kinship, and (c) agriculture.

(1987)

11. Write a note on: Are the socio-cultural factors which justify calling an area underdeveloped? Elaborate.

(1989)

12. Write a note on: The study of Great tradition and Little tradition is essential for understanding Indian Civilization. Discuss.

(1989)

13. Make a distinction between socio-cultural change and technological change. Indicate how technological development bring about changes in other aspects of culture.

(1989)

14. Write a note on Sanskritization as a factor of social change among the scheduled castes in India.

(1990)

15. Write a note on relationship between Sanskritization and Westernization as processes of socio-cultural change.

(1991)

16. Write a note : on Sanskritization as a mode of social change.

(1992)

17. Discuss in what way the study of Great tradition and Little tradition is essential for understanding the cultural processes of Indian civilization.

(1992)

18. Write a note on Cultural change-enforced and induced.

(1994)

19. Do you think that the process of Sanskritization leads to any structural changes in the society? Discuss with reference to the modern Indian society.

(1994)

20. Write a note on Little and Great traditions.

(1996)

21. Discuss the impact of modernization of the tribal and rural people in India.

(1998)

22. Write a note on Great Traditions.

(1999)

23. Distinguish between sanskritization and desanskritization. Critically examine impact of sanskritization on social mobility in India.

(1999)

24. Write a note on Sanskritisation and Westernisation.

(2002)

(2005)

25. Write a note on Panchayati Raj.

26. Critically examine the concepts of Little and Great Traditions for understanding the Indian Villages.

(2008)

27. Write a note on Sanskritization.

(2009)

28. What are the various exogenous processes of socio-cultural changes in Indian Society?

(2009)

29. Write a note on Universalization and Parochialization.

(2010)

(2010)

30. Write a note in 150 words on Panchayati Raj and the tribes.

(2011)

31. Write a note: Critique of the concept of Great and Little Tradition.

32. "Modernity has entered Indian character and society, but it has done so through assimilation not replacement." Discuss.

(2011)

33. Write a note on role of Gramsabha under PESA. **(2013)**

34. Write a note in 150 words on Great tradition and Little tradition. **(2014)**

35. Write a note in 150 words on Panchayati Raj Institutions and Social Change.

(2015)

36. Examine the social implications of media and communication technology.

(2015)

37. Examine the nature of interplay of little and great traditions in the context of globalization.

(2016)

38. Discuss the impact of media as an instrument of social change. **(2017)**

39. Discuss the impact of Panchayati Raj institution on the empowerment of rural women in India.

(2017)

40. Write a note in 150 words on Modernization. **(2018)**

41. Write a note on the impact of Panchayati Raj Institutions in rural areas.

(2018)

42. Write a note in 150 words on Panchayati Raj as a facilitator of social inclusion in rural society.

(2019)

43. Discuss how the elements of Little and Great Traditions combine in the emergence of social / political / religious movements, giving any one example to illustrate the issue.

(2019)

44. Write a short note on the concept of Sanskritisation

(2020)

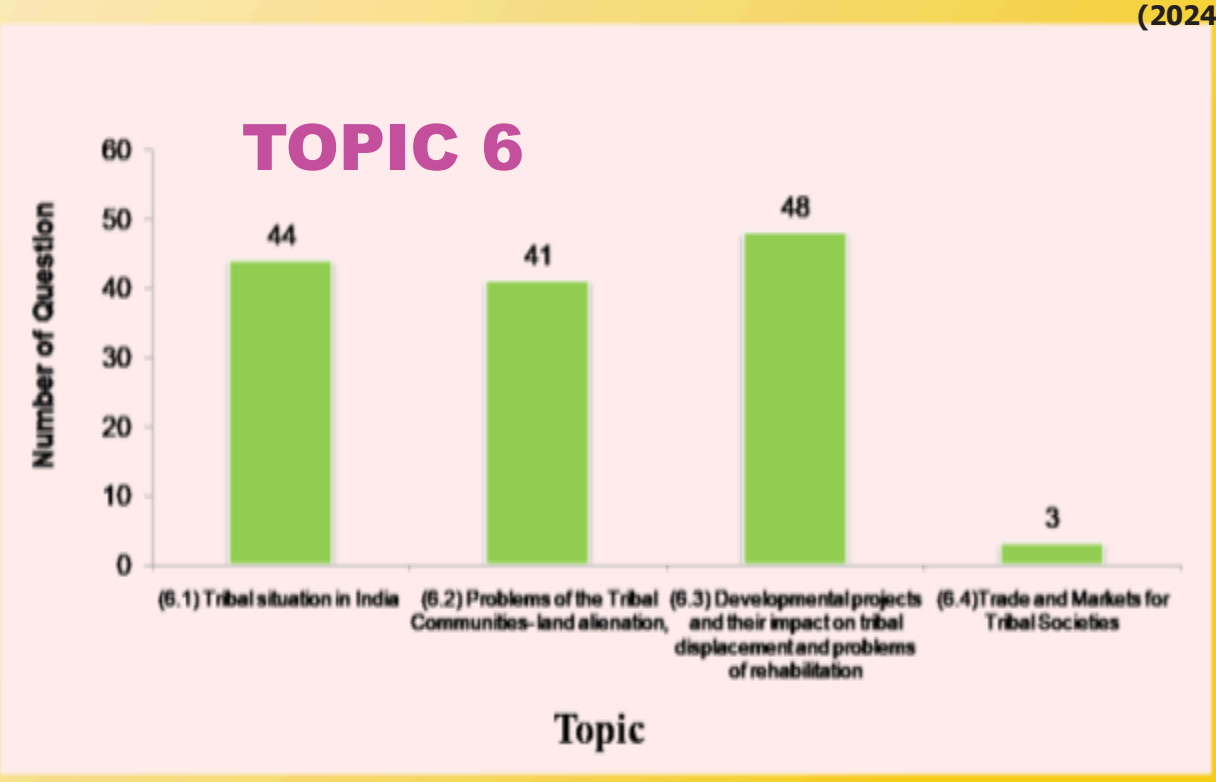
45. Discuss the role of Panchayati Raj Institutions in transforming traditional power hierarchy in rural India. **(2021)**

46. Write a short note on the Ethnic media and social awareness. **(2021)**

47. Write a short note on the Westernisation and Modernisation. **(2022)**

48. "Sanskritization is a culture-bound concept." Critically comment to assess the strength and limitation of this concept in developing a theoretical framework to study social change**.** **(2023)**
49. Write a short note on Digitisation of rural economy. **(2024)**
50. What are the ethical concerns in biological and socio-cultural anthropology because of recent advances in AI and genetic research? **(2024)**

TOPIC 6



6.1

Tribal situation in India Bio-genetic variability, linguistic and socio-economic characteristics of tribal populations and their distribution

1. Write a note on youth dormitary in a Central Indian tribe.
(1981)

2. Write a note in 200 words: Racial affinity of Indian tribes. **(1984)**

3. Write an ethnographic profile in detail about any one Indian tribe you are aware of.
(1984)

4. Describe the racial, linguistic and socio-economic characteristics of a tribe either of Central India or of South India.
(1985)

5. Write a note on role of dormitory in tribal life. **(1985)**

6. Write a note on languages spoken by the Scheduled Tribes. **(1986)**

7. Briefly describe the linguistic and socio-economic characteristics of the tribal peoples either
   (a) of Central India, including the Chhota Nagpur plateau or
   (b) of North East India.
(1987)

8. Write a note: Migration as a means of socio-economic mobility in tribal society.
polyandrous tribe in India.

9. Write a note: Tribal Youth Dormitories.

10. Give in detail the ethnographic profile of

(1988)

(1992)

(1989)

11. Write a note: Ethnographic profile of a polyandrous tribe.

(1996)

12. Elucidate the salient differences between tribal social system and caste system giving suitable examples in support of your answer.

(1997)

13. Write a note on Ethnographic profile of a matrilineal tribe in India. **(1998)**

(2001)

14. Write a note on Scheduled Area.

15. Write a note on linguistic diversity among the tribes of Chhota Nagpur.

(2002)

16. Write a note on Tribe and peasant : similarities and differences. **(2003)**

(2003)

17. Write a note on biogenetic variability in tribal population. **(2005)**

18. Write a note on genetic diversity among Indian tribes. **(2006)**

19. Write a note on key characteristics of the Scheduled Tribes in India.

20. Discuss bio-morphological variation among the tribals of Northeastern India.

(2006)

21. Do you think that Indian tribes have rich biogenetic variability? Discuss.

(2007)

22. Write a note on indigenous cultures.

23. Write a brief note on the linguistic diversity among

Indian tribes.

(2008)

24. Discuss the distinctive features of tribal in North-east India.

(2009)

(2011)

25. "Tribes in India are not homogeneous group." Discuss. **(2011)**

(2012)

26. Write a note in 150 words on Youth Dormitory.

27. Discuss the concept of 'indigenous people' as per the relevant UN convention. Are tribals of India indigenous people? Comment.

(2012)

28. Using ethnographic examples, point out how gender relations have changed over time among Central Indian tribes.

(2012)

29. Discuss the linkages between language, territoriality and kinship among the tribes of North-East India.

(2012)

30. Write a note in 150 words on Threat to tribal languages in India. **(2013)**

(2013)

31. Write a note in 150 words on linguistic classification of Indian tribes. **(2014)**

32. Write a note in 150 words on biogenetic variations of Indian tribes.

33. Write a note on social and economic marginalization of tribal people.

(2014)

34. Write a note on socio-economic characteristics of shifting cultivators.

(2015)

35. Discuss how cultural diversity of Indian tribes has enriched its plural traditions.

(2016)

36. Write a note on bio-genetic variability of Indian tribes. **(2016)**

37. Write a note in 150 words on distinctive cultural features of tribes of Andaman islands.

(2018)

38. Write a note in 150 words on Youth dormitory as an institution. **(2018)**

(2020)

39. Elucidate the linguistic classification of Indian tribes. **(2021)**

40. Write a short note on the concept of tribe and Indian census.

41. Write a short note on the major problems of nomadic and semi-nomadic groups.

(2022)

42. Write a short note on the Austroasiatic languages. **(2022)**

43. How can a balance be struck between livelihood concern and environmental degradation in the context of shifting cultivation?

(2022)

44. Discuss the distribution of tribes in different geographical regions of India. Identify the distinct institutional features of tribal societies of these regions. **(2023)**

45. Write a short note on Artisan tribes of Jharkhand. **(2024)**

46. Write a short note on Agricultural practices of the Apatani. **(2024)**

47. Describe ILO's Convention No. 169 (1989) on Indigenous and Tribal people. Is India a signatory to it? **(2024)**

6.2

Problems of the Tribal Communities- land alienation, poverty, indebtedness, low literacy, poor educational facilities, unemployment, underemployment, health and nutrition

1. Identify the main type of problems that arise out of contacts between tribal people and more advanced sections of Indian population. What

measures do you suggest to mitigate the same?

(1981)

2. Write a note in 200 words: Indebtedness and land alienation among Indian tribes.

(1983)

3. Write a note on indebtedness and land alienation among Indian tribes.

(1986)

4. Define untouchability and point out whether the problems of its removal should be treated as a matter of social reform rather than as part of administrative and legal measures.

(1986)

5. Write a note on common property resources in tribal villages.

(1988)

(1988)

6. Write a note on elites and alienation in tribal society.

7. Discuss the special problems of shifting cultivators or of hunting food gathering tribes.

(1988)

8. Discuss major problems of the tribes of India. Make a critical evaluation of the measures adopted by the Central and State Govt. in India to solve these problems and account for their limited success.

(1989)

9. Write a note on transfer and alienation of tribal land.

(1990)

10. Discuss the anthropological approach to the understanding of the tribal ethos and comment on the major socio-economic problems of Indian tribes.

(1990)

11. Write a note on indebtedness and land alienation among Indian tribes.

(1992)

12. What are the major problems of the tribes in India? Evaluate the measures adopted by the Central and State Governments in India to solve these problems.

(1992)

13. Write a note on Tribal education

(1993)

14. Write a note on factors responsible tribal migration and its consequences

15. Describe the socio-cultural factors related to the poor health conditions of the Indian tribal population. Suggest measures for improving these conditions.

(1995)

16. Distinguish among nutrition, food and diet. Comment on the nutritional status of the tribes with subsistence economy in the form of hunting- gathering, shifting cultivation and settled agriculture in India.

(1996)

17. Discuss the health and nutritional status of tribal and rural children in India. How far has the government policy been effective?

(1998)

18. Write a note on Land Alienation in tribal India.

(1999)

19. Bring out, with suitable examples, the constraints of educational development of tribal communities in India. Suggest remedial measures in this context.

(1999)

20. Write a note on the problems of denotified groups.

(2000)

21. Write a note on constraints of educational development among the tribals.

(2003)

22. Write a note on land alienation among the tribals.

(2003)

23. Discuss the factors related to low literacy rate among the tribals of India. Write in brief the measures taken by the government in different five-year plans to eradicate it.

(2005)

24. Write a note on Land Alienation.

(2007)

25. Discuss the health problems faced by tribal populations in India.

Suggest some corrective measures.

(2008)

26. Write a note on indebtedness in Tribal Communities.

(2009)

27. Write a note in 150 words on education and health among tribal women.

(2010)

28. "Land and forest are the twin problems of the tribes." Explain.

(2010)

29. Discuss the relevance of traditional wisdom and knowledge of the tribes with reference to health in the present day context.

(2010)

30. Critically examine the various structural constraints in the educational development of Scheduled Tribes.

(2010)

31. Discuss the impact of land alienation on the tribes of Central India.

(2014)

32. Discuss how constitutional provisions in India have built-in mechanisms for dealing with the problem of land alienation in tribal areas.

(2015)

33. Discuss the socio-cultural, economic and psychological constraints responsible for low literacy in tribal areas.

(2015)

34. Write a note in 150 words on indebtedness among tribal communities.

(2017)

35. Describe the impact of displacement on the health and nutritional status of tribal communities.

(2017)

36. Write a note in 150 words on issues relating to tribal education.

(2019)

37. Elucidate the problems of land alienation among the tribals of India.

(2020)

38. Elucidate the problems and challenges in educational attainment of the Scheduled Tribes.

(2021)

39. Examine the factors responsible for malnutrition in tribal India and suggest interventions required to overcome the problem.

(2021)

40. Explain the impact of successive Land Acquisition Acts on tribal social organization.

(2021)

41. Write a short note on the issues of tribal agricultural labourers. **(2022)**

42. Write a short note on causes of stunting and wasting among tribal children. **(2024)**

43. Critically examine existing paradigms of holistic health for the marginalised sections of society drawing inferences from COVID-19 pandemic. **(2024)**

6.3

Developmental projects and their impact on tribal displacement and problems of rehabilitation. Development of forest policy and tribals. Impact of urbanization and industrialization on tribal populations

1. Write a note on influence of environment on the culture of any Indian tribe.

(1981)

2. Write a note on (200 words): Forest policy and tribal interests. **(1982)**

3. The impact of industrialization of the tribes of India created for them many problems. Discuss with suitable examples.

4. Write a note on Forests and the tribal peoples.

(1986)

(1987)

5. Write a note on rapid industrialisations may lead to psychological frustrations. Discuss.

(1987)

6. Discuss the world view of tribal people in forest regions of India.

(1988)

7. Write a note on large scale development and distress in tribal regions.

(1988)

8. Write a note on impact of urbanization on the tribal societies.

(1990)

9. Write a note on effects of governmental policy regarding forests on Indian tribes.

(1991)

10. Write a note on 'Push' and 'Pull' factors in rural-urban migration.

(1991)

(1992)

11. Write a note on 'Land and forest' are basic needs of tribals.

12. Describe the traditional economy of the Indian tribal communities and show how changes have come in it due to impact of Industrialization.

(1992)

13. How are the tribes in India dependent on forest? Make a comparative evaluation on malevolent and benevolent actions of the tribes on forest.

(1993)

14. Point out the favourable and detrimental impacts of industrialization on rural population, living in the vicinity areas. What are your proposals for achieving a balance without harmful effects?

(1993)

15. Bring out the impact of industrialization on rural population in India. Illustrate your answer with suitable examples. Suggest appropriate measures for the solution of the problems encountered with.

(1996)

16. Write a note on Involvement of local communities in forest management.

(1996)

17. Write a note on Social Forestry.

Sustainable Development.

18. Write a note on

(1998)

(1999)

19. Critically examine the forest policy in India right since the British period. Discuss the impact on tribal people.

(1999)

20. Discuss the problem of tribal displacement in India. To what extent, are development policies responsible for such displacement ? Also explain the role of NGOs in providing the remedial measures to the affected people.

(1999)

21. Give an account of Joint Forest Management programmes. What is the role of NGOs in such programmes?

(2000)

22. Indicate the main thrust of anthropological studies on development induced displacement and rehabilitation. Suggest a worthwhile rehabilitation package for displaced tribals to retain their sense of community- belonging.

(2001)

23. Write a note on detribalization

(2001)

24. Discuss how forest is related to the tribal life. Critically examine how a change in forest policy and forest degradation have affected tribal economy.

(2003)

25. Write a note on detribalization

(2004)

26. Discuss the context, process and consequences of involuntary displacement among tribal communities in India and analyze the problems of rehabilitation.

(2004)

27. Examine the impact of urbanisation and industrialisation on tribal economy in India.

(2005)

28. Write a note on Joint Forest Management.

(2006)

29. Write a note on impact of industrialization on tribals.

(2007)

30. Illustrate, with suitable examples, the impact of development programmes on tribal and weaker sections.

(2007)

31. Critically examine the evolution of Forest policy in India since the British period. Discuss its impact on tribals of India.

(2009)

32. Write a note in 150 words on Tribal displacement. **(2010)**

33. Write a note in 150 words on Forest Rights Act-2006. **(2011)**

34. Discuss the problem of displaced tribal communities with the help of recent examples.

(2011)

35. Discuss the impact of Urbanization and Industrialization on tribal women.

(2011)

36. Critically examine the National Policy on rehabilitation and resettlement substantiating it with experiences from different parts of India.

(2012)

37. Write a note in 150 words on impacts of sanctuaries and national park on tribal populations.

(2013)

38. Write a note in 150 words on Forest policy and tribes. **(2014)**

39. Discuss the impact of globalization on the livelihood of the tribal populations.

(2014)

40. Write a note in 150 words on impact of industrialization on scheduled tribe population of Jharkhand.

(2016)

41. Explain the difficulties experienced by scheduled tribes with regard to implementation of 'the Reorganisation of Forest Rights Act, 2006'.

(2016)

42. Discuss the significance and implementation of 'Recognition of Forest Right's Act 2006'.

(2018)

43. What has been the impact of development projects on the environment and livelihood of forest-dwelling tribes?

(2019)

44. Explain the impact of development-induced displacement among the tribal people in India with suitable examples.

(2020)

45. Write a short note on the urbanization and tribal institutions. **(2021)**

46. Discuss the impact of the Forest Rights Act (2006) on the livelihood and culture of tribal people in India.

(2021)

47. Discuss the problems involved in rehabilitation and resettlement of tribal displaced due to development projects in India.

(2021)

48. Critically examine how the displacement of tribal communities due to hydroelectric river dam projects has affected the women in local context Illustrate with suitable ethnographic examples. **(2023)**

49. Custodians of natural resources are the tribals, but they are the most deprived. Critically examine how climate change will impact their survival in future. **(2024)**

50. Discuss the economic, social and developmental impacts on tribal communities with special reference to mining. **(2024)**

51. Examine the impact of Forest Policies from 1878 to 2006 on land alienation and deprivation of rights of tribal communities in India.

(2024)

Trade and Markets for Tribal Societies

1. Write a note on Barter and Exchange in the tribal societies.

(1989)

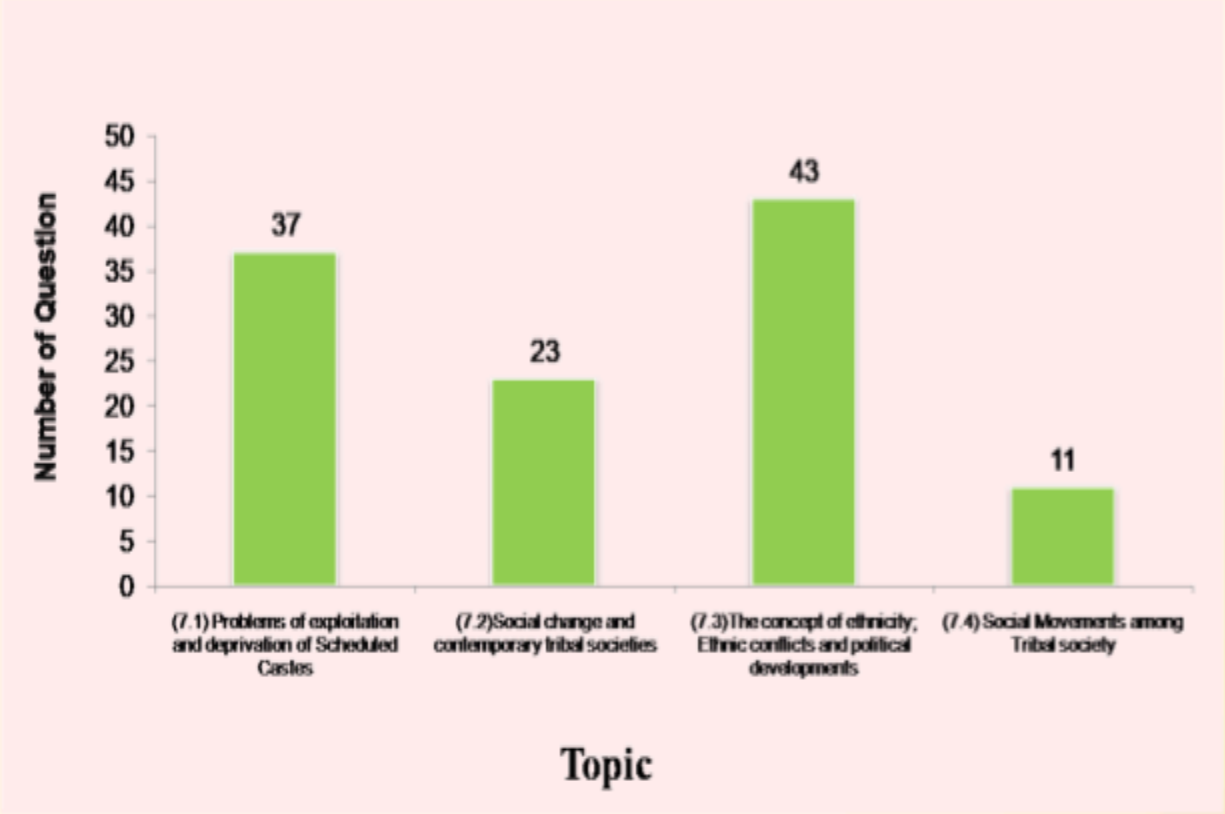
2. Write a note on Tribal markets as centre of social and cultural interaction.

(1990)

3. What are the principal characteristic of tribal markets? What extra-economic functions do such markets perform?

(1991)

TOPIC 7



7.1

Problems of exploitation and deprivation of Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Other Backward Classes. Constitutional safeguards for Scheduled Tribes and Scheduled Castes

1. Discuss some of the important provisions in our Constitution which are meant to protect the interest of scheduled castes and scheduled tribes. What is the impact of these provisions have so far had on the weaker sections?

(1981)

2. Write an essay on the social disabilities experienced by the scheduled castes and discuss the important efforts made to alleviate the same.

(1982)

3. Write a note in 200 words: Types of subsistence economy of Indian tribes.

(1984)

4. Identify the main problems of the Scheduled Castes and discuss the measures adopted to solve them.

(1985)

5. Analyse the programmes for tribal welfare undertaken by the governments in terms of relevant constitutional and statutory provisions.

(1986)

6. Evaluate the extent to which existing reservations for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes have led to social mobility among them. What suggestions would you make for implementing policy of adding an economic in extending reservation to the so-called 'forward' castes ?

(1991)

7. What are the major socio-economic problems faced by the Scheduled Castes? Point out the criteria for diagnosis and suggest the remedial measures.

(1993)

8. Write a note on constitutional safeguards for the Scheduled Tribes. **(1994)**

9. Distinguish between, exploitation and deprivation of Scheduled Castes.

(1995)

10. Write a note on constitutional safeguards for the Scheduled Castes.

(1996)

11. Critically examine the merits and demerits of reservation policy for the Scheduled Tribes, Scheduled Castes and other backward classes.

(2002)

12. Do you think that exploitation emanates from clash of self interest between groups? Discuss in the context of tribals and non- tribals.

(2002)

13. Write a note on National Commission for SCs and STS. **(2004)**

14. Write a note on constitutional safeguards for Scheduled Castes. **(2007)**

(2009)

15. Write a note on Fifth Schedule of the Constitution.

16. Write a note in 150 words on the problem of bonded labour among Indian tribes.

(2010)

17. Fifth Schedule and Sixth Schedule of the constitution are built on the foundations laid by the colonial government. Discuss.

(2013)

18. Discuss how British policies dispossessed tribals of their communal properties and agricultural lands.

(2013)

19. Discuss the social disabilities suffered by Scheduled Castes. **(2013)**

20. Critically examine the constitutional provisions for safeguarding the interests of Scheduled Tribes in India.

(2014)

21. Write a note in 150 words on role of governor in Fifth Schedule areas.

(2015)

22. Examine the factors responsible for the exploitation of Scheduled Castes in India.

(2016)

23. Write in detail various provisions provided by the Constitution of India for the Scheduled Tribes under V^{th} and VI^{th} schedules.

(2016)

24. Critically discuss the constitutional safeguards for the Scheduled Castes.

(2017)

25. Write a note in 150 words on Other Backward Class.

(2017)

26. Write a note in 150 words on Tribe and Scheduled tribe.

(2018)

27. Discuss the salient features of PESA Act of 1996 and attempt a comparison with the features of the VI Schedule.

(2018)

28. Examine the advancement made in the land acquisition and rehabilitation Act of 2013 over the Land acquisition Act of 1894.

(2018)

29. What are the constitutional safeguards to protect the interests of the Indian tribes?

(2019)

30. Describe the provisions under 6th Schedule of Indian constitution. **(2020)**

31. Critically evaluate the state of implementation of the constitutional safeguards for the scheduled castes.

(2020)

32. Write a short note on the politics of recognition and deprivation. **(2021)**

33. Write a short note on the role of the Governor in the Fifth Schedule areas.

(2022)

34. Discuss the issues and solutions related to the Scheduled Caste and the Scheduled Tribe populations in India.

(2022)

35. Write a short note on Scheduled areas. **(2023)**

36. Elucidate the shifting terrains of India's tribal policies in colonial and post- colonial periods.

(2023)

37. How are Other Backward Classes identified? Enumerating the important features, elucidate the recent changes in their social and economic life.

7.2

Social change and contemporary tribal societies: Impact of modern democratic institutions, development programmes and welfare measures on tribals and weaker sections

1. Discuss the role of education as an instrument of socio-economic change among the weaker sections of India.

(1982)

2. What are the distinct segments in the backward population of India? What special approaches do you recommend to suit the development of different segments?

(1983)

3. Make an evaluation of welfare measures adopted by the government for the betterment of scheduled tribes in India.

(1984)

4. Write a note on tribes in transition.

(1985)

5. Write a note on tribal art in India.

(1985)

(1986)

6. Write a note on advantages of Ashram school in tribal areas.

(1993)

7. Write a note on direction of tribal change.

8. Describe the efficacy of the legislative measures adopted by the Government to tackle the socio-economic problems of the scheduled castes. What other measure would you suggest to tackle these problems?

(1994)

9. Estimate the role of democratic institutions / organisation for the development of weaker sections and the welfare measures adopted by them.

(1997)

10. Write a note on ITDA. **(1998)**

11. Write a note on MADA, LAMPS, and TRIFED. **(2000)**

12. Critically review the processes of social changes the contemporary Indian society is undergoing. **(2006)**

13. Write a note on Programmes for 'Tribal Development'. **(2006)**

14. How have modern democratic institutions influenced the Indian tribal societies? Assess. **(2008)**

15. Write a note on Commodification of Tribal Art. **(2012)**

16. Examine the impacts of Green Revolution on rural poor. **(2013)**

17. Examine the impact of non-tribal contract on socio-cultural institutions of tribal people with suitable examples. **(2013)**

18. Discuss the nature of social change in tribal India under the impact of developmental programmes. **(2015)**

19. Describe how various tribal development programmes and plans have impacted the process of social transformation among tribes. **(2016)**

20. Give a critical appraisal of any one tribal development programme during XIth Five-Year plan. Give your suggestions for any improvement in the programme. **(2017)**

21. Critically assess the existing plans and programmes meant for tribal welfare.

(2019)

22. Describe the functions of Tribal Research Institutes in India. **(2020)**

23. Critically examine the impact of modern democratic institutions on contemporary tribal societies. Illustrate with suitable ethnographic examples. **(2023)**

24. How is PESA Act empowering local self-governance and impacting women's political participation? **(2024)**

25. Write a short note on status of Sixth Schedule Areas. **(2024)**

26. Write a short note on constitutional safeguards for Backward Classes. **(2024)**

7.3

The concept of ethnicity; Ethnic conflicts and political developments; Unrest among tribal communities; Regionalism and demand for autonomy; Pseudo-tribalism; Social change among the tribes during colonial and post-independent India; National integration

1. Taking the example of any region, describe the radical changes that are taking place in tribal societies and assess their future outcome.

(1983)

2. Discuss the divisive factors which disrupt national integration in India. Suggest solutions to counteract the divisive forces.

(1984)

3. Write a note on role of ethnic groups in national integration. **(1985)**

(1986)

4. Write a note on Issues relating to nations integration.

5. What suggestions would you like to make as an anthropologist for bringing the tribal peoples in the national mainstream without obliterating their separate identity.

(1987)

6. Examine the advantages and disadvantages of linguistic states in India in the context of national integration.

(1987)

7. Write a note on regional disparity and national integration.

(1988)

8. Assertion of ethnic identity and ethnic solidarity has been a pervasive process in India after Independence. Analyse this in relation to constitutional safeguards and emerging national integration.

(1988)

9. Define the concept of ethnic identity. Discuss how it is emerging in the context of tribal unrest in some regions of country.

(1989)

10. What are the major issues of national integration in India? Discuss how it has been eroded in the recent years. What remedial measures would you suggest for national integration?

(1989)

11. Write a note on cultural pluralism and national integration.

(1990)

12. Discuss the divisive factors which disrupt national integration in India. What would you suggest to counteract the divisive forces?

(1992)

13. Write a note on ethnicity.

(1993)

14. Write a note on : Identify the factors responsible for regionalism in contemporary India.

(1995)

15. Discuss the significance of the regionalism and communalism in Indian context and its role in ethno-political movements in the present political system.

(1997)

16. Outline the historical background of tribal administration during the colonial period. Evaluate post-independence administrative policies with special reference to states under either the Fifth Schedule or Sixth Schedule of the Constitution of India.

(2000)

17. What is regionalism? Evaluate how regionalism has stimulated political movements in India.

(2003)

18. Elucidate the nature of changes in administration of tribal areas from colonial period to post-independence era in India.

(2005)

19. Discuss the anthropological understanding of rising ethnicity among Indian tribes in the context of nation-building.

(2007)

20. Write a note on concept of ethnicity.

(2008)

21. Write a note on tribal unrest in central India.

(2009)

(2010)

22. Do you find any significant change in the approaches? Assess.

23. Analyse the factors influencing tribal regionalism, citing Indian examples.

(2010)

24. Write a note in 150 words on left-wing extremism and tribals in India.

(2011)

25. Write a note in 150 words on colonial ethnography.

(2012)

26. Write a note in 150 words on government action towards left wing extremism.

(2013)

27. Discuss the rise of ethno-nationalism among Indian tribes with specific example.

(2014)

28. What are the significant factors responsible for tribal unrest?

(2014)

29. Describe the history of tribal administration in the colonial period. **(2014)**

(2015)

30. Write a note in 150 words on rights over resources and tribal unrest. **(2016)**

31. Give a critical assessment of 'Negrito Problem' in India.

32. Write a note in 150 words on the role that regionalism plays in demand for autonomy among Indian tribes.

(2016)

33. Write a note in 150 words on tribe as a colonial construct. **(2016)**

(2017)

34. Write a note in 150 words on ethnicity and regionalism.

35. Discuss the various factors resulting in tribal unrest in various parts of India.

(2018)

36. What has been the contribution of tribal people to the Indian Independence movement?

(2019)

37. Write a note in 150 words on ethnicity and regionalism. **(2019)**

38. Explain the reasons of caste violence in India with suitable examples.

(2020)

39. Write a short note on the concept of ethnicity.

(2020)

40. Identify the causes of tribal unrest with special reference to North-East India.

(2021)

41. Write a short note on the regionalism as an opportunity and threat to national integration.

(2022)

42. Compare the nature of tribal movements between North-East and Central India. Briefly mention the current status of existing tribal movements in these areas.

(2022)

43. Distinguishing between ethnic identity and ethnicity, discuss the factors responsible for ethnic conflict in tribal areas. **(2023)**

44. Write an essay on the life history of tribal activist and freedom fighter Birsa Munda. What was the impact of his sacrifice on tribal society? **(2024)**

45. Elucidate the resurgence of ethno-nationalism from an anthropological lens. **(2024)**

46. Write a short note on B.K. Roy Burman's concept of 'Buffer Zone'. **(2024)**

7.4

Social Movements among Tribal society

1. Discuss the role of socio-political movements in the emergence of tribal identity in the Indian context.

(1990)

2. Discuss the socio-economic and political characteristics of revitalization movements in tribal India. How are they affected by culture-contact with outsiders?

(1991)

3. Write a note on Tribal movement pros and cons.

(1994)

(1999)

4. Write a note on Jharkhand Movement.

5. Assess the political and economic role of tribal and rural movements in the creation of the new states of Uttaranchal, Jharkhand and Chhattisgarh.

(2000)

6. Write a note on Birsa Movement.

(2001)

7. Identify the causes and consequences of major tribal movements in India.

(2003)

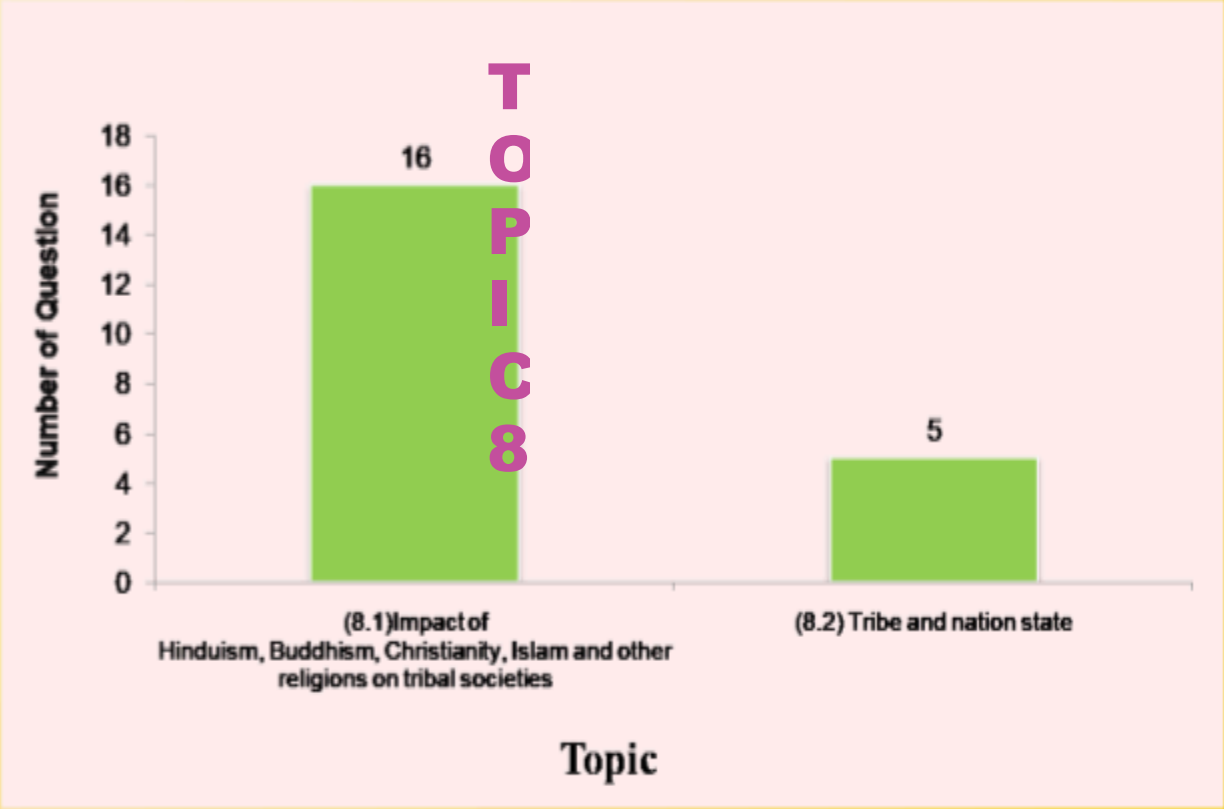
8. Classify the tribal movements in contemporary India in a regional perspective and analyse the contributive factors.

(2004)

9. Critically review Tana Bhagat Movement- its causes and effects. **(2006)** **(2008)**

10. Write a note on Revivalistic Movements. **(2013)**

11. Write a note in 150 words on ethnic movements in India.



8.1

Impact of Hinduism, Buddhism, Christianity, Islam and other religions on tribal societies

1. Write a note on Hindu mode of tribal absorption.

(1995)

2. Define religion in anthropological perspective. Bring out the impact of Christianity on the converted and non-converted tribal groups of India.

(1996)

3. Write a note on impact of Christianity on tribal societies.

(2000)

(2002)

4. Write a note on bases of tribal religion.

5. Analyse the impact of Christianity on tribal communities with special reference to North East India.

(2009)

6. Discuss the impact of Hindu Society on tribal population in India.

(2011)

7. Using ethnographic examples, highlight the processes of religious conversions in Tribal India.

(2012)

8. Write a note in 150 words on impact of Christianity on tribes.

(2014)

9. Discuss the impact of Hinduism on the status of tribal women in Central India.

10. Discuss the impact of Islam on scheduled tribes of India.

11. Write a note in 150 words on Impact of Christianity on Indian tribes.

12. Describe the impact of Buddhism on the tribal population of India.

13. Explain the impact of Hinduism on Tribal people of India.

(2015)

(2019)

(2016)

(2020)

(2017)

14. Critically assess the impact of Christianity on tribal culture and identity.

(2021)

15. Critically examine 'Indigenisation of Christianity' in India.

(2022)

16. Explain the social and religious consequences of contact between tribal and non-tribal populations.

(2022)

8.2

Tribe and nation state A comparative study of tribal communities in India and other countries

1. What do you know by tribe and nation? How do states carved for tribals in India differ from tribal-nation-states in Africa? Discuss.

(2001)

2. Critically examine the relationship between tribal communities and the Nation-State on issues of governance.

(2012)

3. Critically compare 'Affirmative Action' of USA and 'Protective Discrimination' for Scheduled Tribes in India.

(2015)

4. Critically evaluate the term 'tribe' (as used in India) as compared to the term 'indigenous' in some other countries.

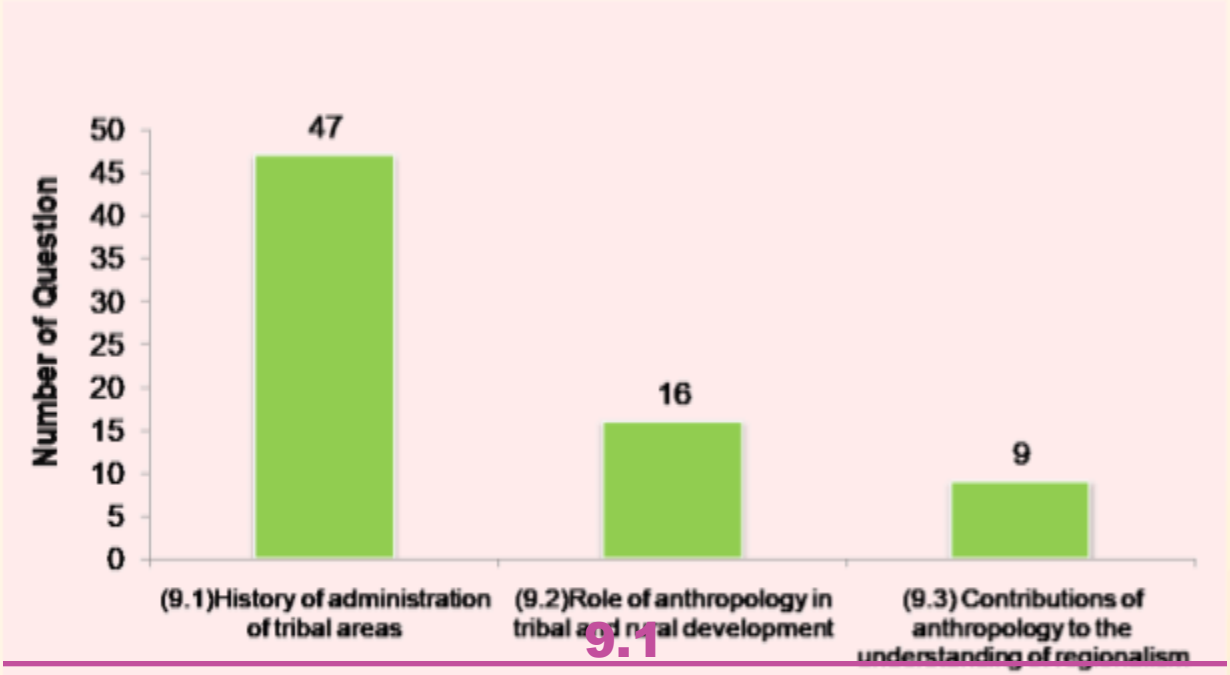
(2017)

5. Discuss with appropriate examples how tribal unrest may be understood as emerging out of an incompatibility between tribes and the nation- state. **(2019)**

6. Distinguish a "Theocratic State' from a secular, liberal, democratic state. Illustrate your answer with examples from tribal and contemporary societies. **(2024)**

7. Write a short note on the origin of State Societies. **(2024)**

TOPIC 9



9.1 Topic

History of administration of tribal areas, tribal policies, plans, programmes of tribal development and their implementation. The concept of PTGS (Primitive Tribal Groups), their distribution, special programmes for their development. Role of N.G.O.s in tribal development.

1. How are cultural factors important in planning and executing development programmes among simple communities?

(1982)

2. Discuss the isolationist and assimilationist approaches to the tribal problems, showing their respective merits and demerits.

(1983)

3. Write a note in 200 words: History of tribal administration in India.

(1984)

4. What are the various policies that have been suggested for bringing the tribals into the mainstream of national life? In the interest of the tribals, which of these policies do you consider suitable?

(1985)

5. Write a note on Constitutional safeguards for scheduled tribes.

(1987)

6. Discuss the people's response and participation in development programmes in tribal areas.

(1988)

7. Discuss the provisions and significance of the protective discrimination policy towards scheduled caste. Assess its impact on their social mobility.

(1990)

8. Write a note on positive and negative response of the tribals to governmental measures.

(1994)

9. Critically evaluate various approaches to set the tribals within the mainstream of Indian civilization. In your opinion which approach is relevant in the modern context?

education in the context of development.

10. Write a note on people's participation in tribal development.

11. Write a note on role of NGOs in literacy programme.

12. Write a note on plans and programmes of Tribal development.

13. Write a note on Tribal sub-plan.

14. Write a note on tribal

(1995)

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15. Mention various developmental programmes implemented for the socio- economic well- being of Scheduled Castes. Do these programmes fulfill their aspiration? Discuss.

(2001)

16. Write a note on the role of N.G.O.s for tribal development.

(2002)

17. What do you understand by the integrated tribal and rural development programmes? How would your evaluate the success or failure of these programmes?

(2002)

18. Write a note on implications of recent presidetial orders relating to Scheduled Tribes and Scheduled Castes.

(2003)

19. Write a note on sustainable development of Tribes.

(2004)

20. Write a note on Tribal sub-plan.

(2005)

(2007)

21. Write a note on role of NGO's Development.

22. What are the special problems of the Primitive Tribal Groups (PTGs)? How far have the developmental programmes of the government been able to address these?

(2008)

23. Write a note on NGOs and tribal development.

(2009)

24. Discuss and compare the approaches towards the tribes during colonial and post independent India.

(2010)

25. Compare the approach adopted towards tribal communities during Colonial and post independence periods.

26. Write a note in 150 words on Tribal Panchsheel.

(2011)

27. Examine the relevance of Tribal Panchsheel by Jawaharlal Nehru in the light of emerging developing practices.

(2012)

28. Using suitable examples, bring out the historical processes of the social exclusion of denotified tribes.

(2012)

29. Write a note in 150 words on Participatory Rural Appraisal.

(2012)

(2014)

30. Write a note in 150 words on the concept of PTG.

(2014)

31. Critically evaluate the National Tribal Policy.

32. Critically examine the role of NGOs in promoting health and education in tribal areas.

(2014)

33. Write a note in 150 words on relevance of tribal Panchsheel today.

(2015)

34. Recently non-government organizations have been critiqued for interfering with developmental process in tribal heartland. Critically comment.

(2015)

35. Critically examine the role of NGOs and missionaries in transformation of scheduled tribes in Central India.

(2016)

36. Write a note in 150 words on Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (earlier known as PTG).

(2017)

37. Discuss the emergence, salient features and limitations of Tribal sub-plan. **(2017)**

38. Identify some special programmes for Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (erstwhile PTGs).

(2019)

39. Critically discuss the role of NGOs in tribal development. **(2019)**

40. Discuss the effect of job reservation in alleviating unemployment among the tribal people of India.

(2020)

41. Discuss the interventions made by the Non- Governmental Organizationas for empowering tribal women.

(2021)

42. Discuss the objectives of Integrated Tribal Development Projects (ITDPS). How far have these objectives been achieved?

(2022)

43. Compare the functioning of traditional 'Tribal Council' with that of 'Gram Sabha' under PESA.

(2022)

44. Explain how British policies impacted the major resources of the tribals.

(2022)

45. Discuss the views of G. S. Ghurye and Verrier Elwin on the approach towards tribal populations. What are the policies of the Government of India towards Indian tribal populations?

(2022)

46. "Tribes are backward Hindus." Critically comment with reference to the contributions of G.S. Ghurye.

(2023)

47. Elucidate the problems faced by Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups and the major challenges in the formulation of special programmes for their development. **(2023)**

48. Critically discuss the recent welfare measures initiated by the Government for the Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTGs). Comment why PVTGs were erroneously called Primitive Tribal Groups (PTGs). **(2024)**

9.2

Role of Anthropology in tribal and rural development

1. How does Applied Anthropology help to solve some of the different problems confronting administrators in tribal areas?

(1981)

2. Write a note in 200 words: Role of Anthropology in tribal development.

(1984)

3. Discuss the role of Anthropology to planning and executing developmental programmes among the tribal communities.

(1985)

4. Write a note on Anthropological approach to tribal development.

(1987)

(1992)

5. Write a note on role of Anthropology in tribal development.

(1997)

6. Write a note on role of Anthropologists as an Administrator.

7. Critically examine the Anthropological approaches to planning and socio- economic development among the weaker sections of the Indian society, highlighting the issues of macro-planning in Anthropology.

(1997)

8. Anthropologists are better equipped to play an effective role in rural and tribal development. Discuss.

(2004)

9. Write a note on role of Anthropologists in rural development.

(2005)

10. Using examples, comment on how Anthropology can be utilised in policy- making.

(2012)

11. Discuss the significance of cultural and administrative factors in tribal development.

(2013)

12. Discuss the criticism levelled against Anthropology in the context of 'Isolation and assimilation debate' on tribal populations.

(2013)

13. Examine in detail the role of Anthropology in planning for tribal development.

(2015)

14. Describe how Anthropological knowledge and methods are useful in rural development.

(2016)

15. Examine the strengths and weaknesses of Anthropology in the context of its role in tribal and rural development.

(2018)

16. Briefly describe the Anthropological perspective on development. How have anthropologists contributed in India's rural development?

(2022)

9.3

Contributions of anthropology to the understanding of regionalism, communalism, and ethnic and political movements

1. To what extent, ethnicity is responsible for the tribal movements in India? Elaborate with suitable examples.

(1995)

2. Discuss the factors affecting ethnic boundaries giving suitable examples.

(2006)

3. In what ways has Anthropology contributed to the understanding of ethnic & political movements in India?

(2009)

4. Critically examine the concept of communalism and its relevance for multi-religious and multiethnic polity of India.

(2015)

5. Write a note in 150 words on Anthropological interpretation of ethnic and political movements.

(2016)

6. Discuss the contribution of Anthropology in understanding the loss of livelihood of tribal communities due to economic and ecological factors.

(2017)

7. Write a note in 150 words on Anthropological understanding of communalism.

(2019)

8. Discuss the regionalism and demand for autonomy in India from Anthropological perspective with respect to Kashmir / Nagaland / Bodoland / Gorkhaland agitations.

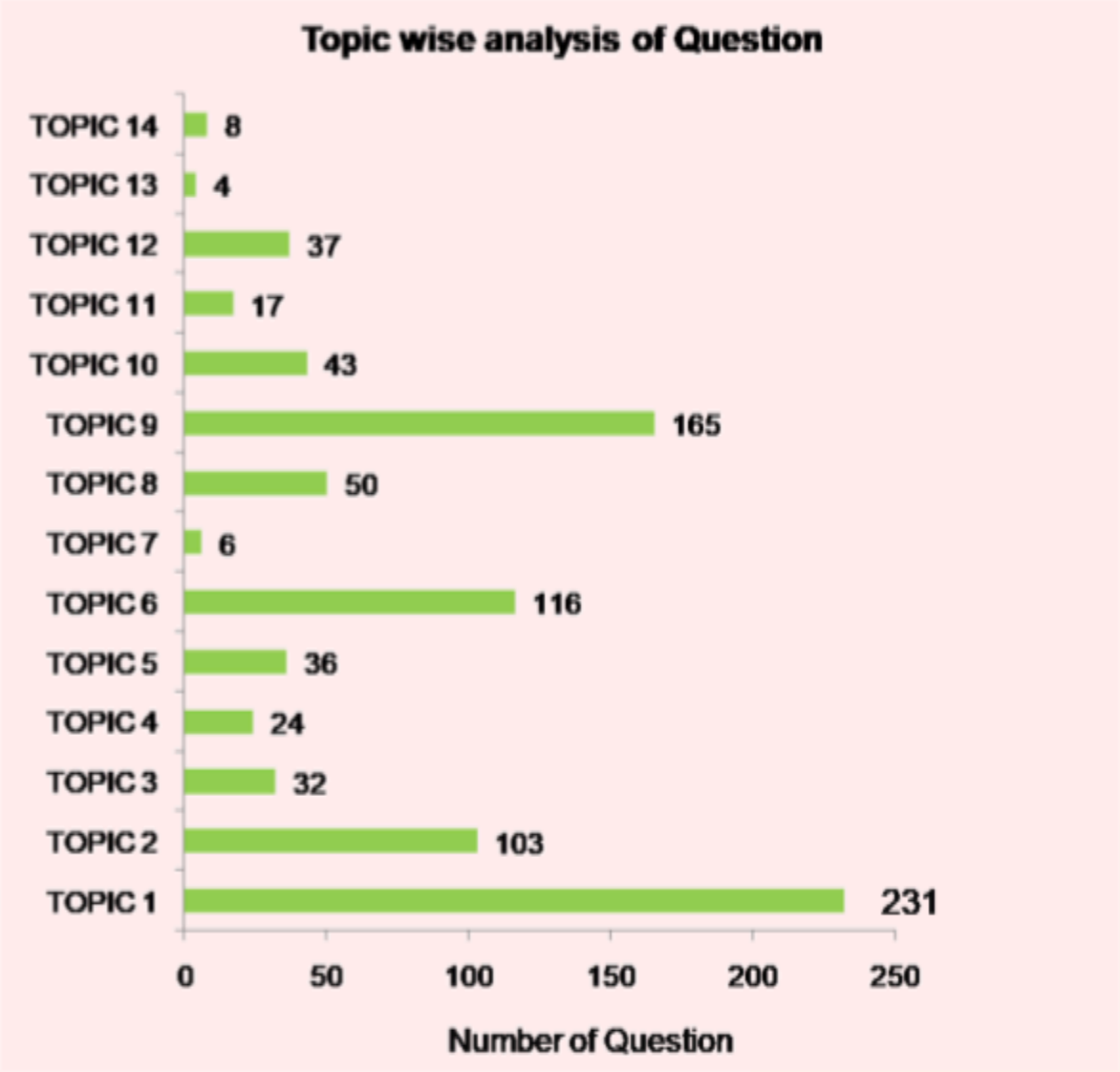
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9. Elucidate the role of Anthropology in nation building. Illustrate with suitable examples. **(2023)**

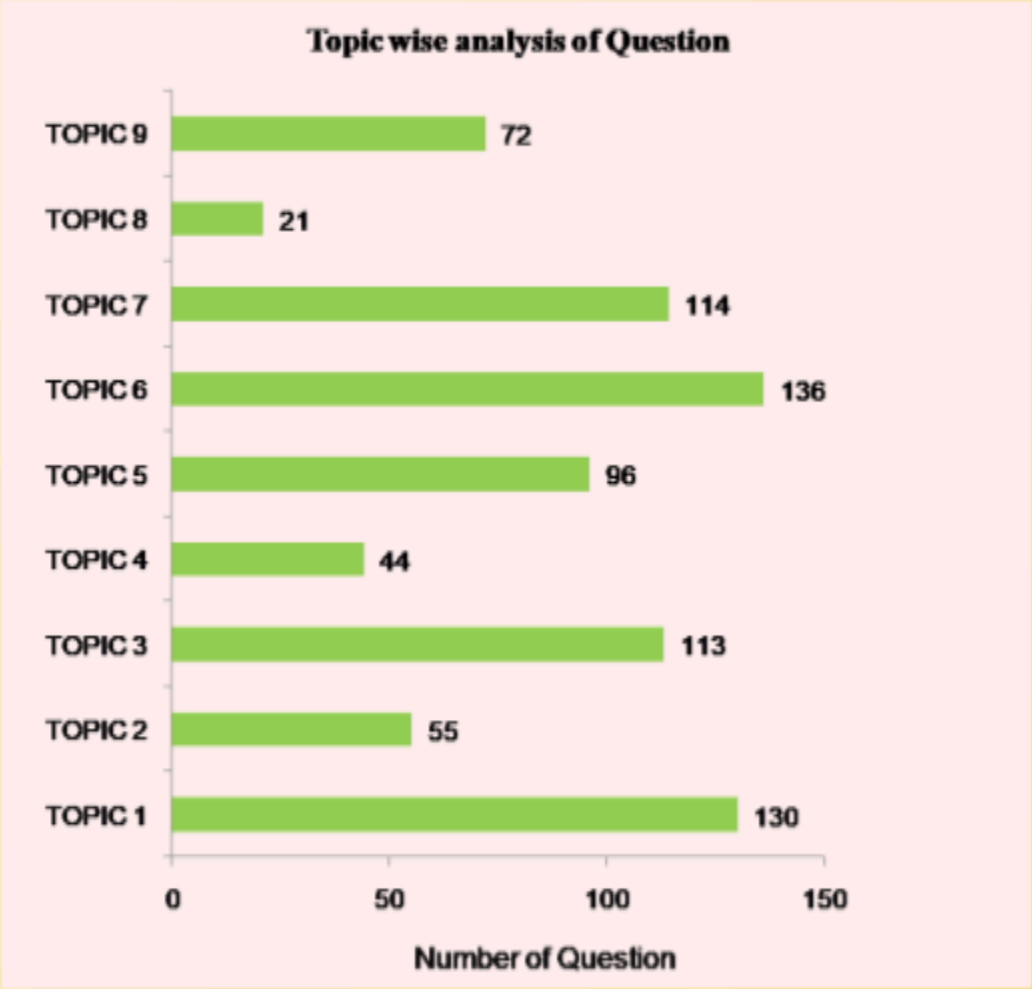
10. Elucidate the difference between secularism, religiosity, religious fundamentalism and spiritualism from an anthropological perspective.

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TOPIC WISE ANALYSIS OF QUESTIONS [PAPER I]

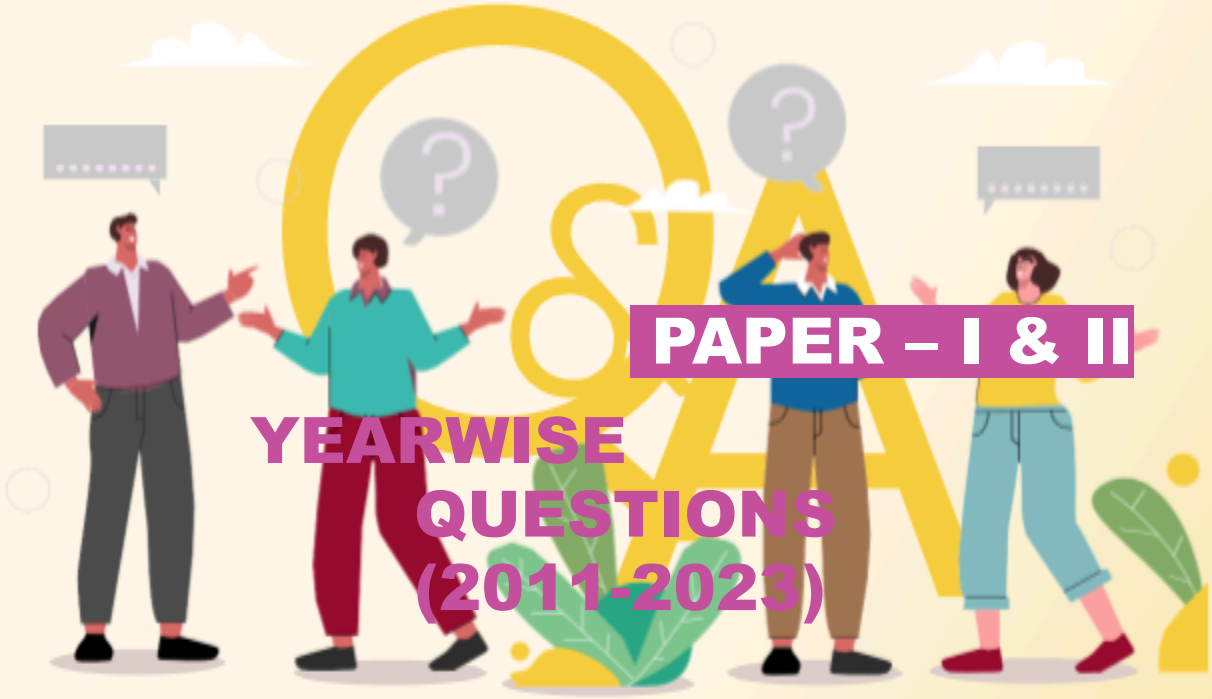


TOPIC WISE ANALYSIS OF QUESTIONS [PAPER II]



IAS-MAINS

ANTHROPOLOGY



PAPER – I & II

YEARWISE QUESTIONS (2011-2023)

ANTHROPOLOGY
[IAS(Main) 2011]
PAPER-I

SECTION-A

1. Write short notes on the following in about 150 words each:

15 x 4 = 60

(a) Synthetic theory.

(b) Neanderthal Man.

(c) Fieldwork tradition in Anthropology.

(d) Cultural materialism.

2. (a) Describe major skeletal similarities and differences between Homo erectus and Homo sapiens.

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(b) 'Man is a primate.' Discuss.

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3. (a) Critically examine the contribution of Anthropologists in the interpretation. of symbols.

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(b) Critically examine the debate between Formalists and Substantivists.

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4. (a) Discuss different modes of exchange in simple societies with suitable examples.

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(b) Explain various anthropological approaches to study religion.

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SECTION-B

5. Write short notes on the following in about 150 words each:

15 x 4 = 60

(a) Genetic polymorphism.

(b) Personal identification.

(c) Conditions necessary for the operation of Hardy. Weinberg Law.

(d) Respiratory functions.

6. (a) Discuss the application of Anthropological knowledge in designing equipment.

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(b) Discuss monogenic and polygenic inheritance in man, citing suitable examples.

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7. (a) Describe different methods of studying human growth.

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(b) Native highlanders are well adapted to the high altitude environment. Discuss.

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8. (a) Explain the application of anthropological knowledge in genetic counselling, forensic 30 science, sports and nutrition.

(b) Define somatotype. Describe the salient features of different components of somatotype.

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PAPER-II

SECTION-A

1. Write short notes on the following in about 150 words each:

15 x 4 = 60

(a) Philosophy behind Purushartha.

(b) Factors contributing to communalism.

(c) Iron Age in Gangetic region.

(d) Critique of the concept of Great and Little Tradition.

2. (a) "Modernity has entered Indian character and society, but it has done so through assimilation not replacement." Discuss.

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(b) Describe the linguistic elements in Indian population.

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(c) Discuss the relevance of the concept Dominant Caste in the context of Contemporary Indian Society.

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3. (a) Describe the characteristic features of Mesolithic Cultures in India.

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(b) Evaluate the contribution of American anthropologists to Indian anthropology.

4. (a) Discuss the significance of Sohan in Indian Prehistory.

(b) Critically examine the theories of Origin of Castes.

2006.

(b) Tribal Panchsheel.

(c) Future of Hunting and Gathering Tribes.

(d) Left-wing extremism and tribals in India.

SECTION - B

5. Write short notes on the following in about 150 words each:

(a) Forest Rights Act -

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15 x 4 = 60

6. (a) Discuss the impact of Hindu Society on tribal population in India.

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(b) Discuss the problem of displaced tribal communities with the help of recent examples.

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7. (a) Compare the approach adopted towards tribal communities during Colonial and post independence periods.

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(b) Discuss the distinctive features of tribal in North-east India.

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8. (a) "Tribes in India are not homogeneous group." Discuss.

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(b) Discuss the impact of Urbanization and Industrialization on tribal women.

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(c) Assess the contribution of Verrier Elwin to Indian anthropology.

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ANTHROPOLOGY
[IAS(Main) 2012]
PAPER-I

SECTION-A

1. Write short notes on the following in about 150 words each:

12x5=60

(a) How 'natural selection' acts on variation?

(b) Ways of acquiring a spouse in simpler societies.

(c) Post-modernism in Anthropology.

(d) Relative dating methods.

(e) Adaptive tradition in context evolution.

2. (a) Discuss race crossing in humans suitable examples.

(b) Distinguish between Religion, Magic and Science.

(c) Discuss the role of ABO blood group system in resolving cases of disputed paternity.

3. (a) Compare and contrast the skull of Gorilla and Man.

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(b) Discuss the typology and distribution of Upper Paleolithic cultures in India.

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(c) What are lethal and sub-lethal genes? Explain.

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4. (a) Describe the types of kinship groups formed on the basis of different principles.

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(b) Give a comparative account of variations in haemoglobin level and respiratory functions among the populations living under different environmental stresses.

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(c) Comment briefly on the phylogenetic position of Austrolopithecines.

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SECTION-B

12x5=60

5. Write short notes on the following in about 150 words each:

(a) Is family a social institution?

(b) Applications of Anthropometry in designing.

(c) Band and Tribal societies.

(d) Genetic Counselling.

(e) Epidemiological anthropology.

6. (a) How does improved aerobic fitness increase exercise tolerance in warm humid climates? Give suitable examples in support of your answer.

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(b) What are the tools of data collection? Discuss the advantages and limitations of participants-observations as a technique of data collection.

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(c) Discuss the chromosomal aberrations and manifestations of Klinefelter and Turner syndromes.

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7. (a) Explain any two biological theories of ageing based on purposeful events.

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(b) What are the bases of social stratification ? Discuss with examples.

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(c) Explain the concept of 'Status' and 'Role' in Anthropology.

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8. (a) Briefly discuss the important causes for the variations in occurrence and intensity of parasitic diseases among different populations.

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(b) What are the genetic effects of consanguinity? Give exarnples.

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(c) Briefly discuss the applications of the knowledge of human osteology in forensic investigations.

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PAPER-II

SECTION-A

1. Write short notes on the following in about 150 words each:

12×5 = 60

(a) Sacred Geography.

(b) Youth Dormitory.

(c) Narmada Man.

(d) Participatory Rural Appraisal.

(e) Palaeolithic Art.

2. (a) Trace the trajectory of encyclopaedic work on tribes and castes of South India with special reference to Ananthakrishna lyer's contribution.

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(b) Discuss the concept of 'indigenous people' as per the relevant UN convention. Are tribals of India indigenous people? Comment.

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(c) Critically examine the relationship between tribal communities and the Nation-State on issues of governance.

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3. (a) Examine the relevance of Tribal Panchsheel by Jawaharlal Nehru in the light of emerging developing practices.

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(b) Using ethnographic examples, highlight the processes of religious conversions in Tribal India.

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(c) Using suitable examples, bring out the historical processes of the social exclusion of denotified tribes.

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4. (a) Compare the contributions of S.C. Roy and Verrier Elwin to tribal ethnographies in India.

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(b) Using ethnographic examples, point out how gender relations have changed over time among Central Indian tribes.

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(c) How has globalisation impact agrarian relations in the last two decades?

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SECTION-B

5. Write short notes on the following in about 150 words each:

12 x 5 = 60

(a) Colonial Ethnography.

(b) Commodification of Tribal Art.

(c) Soan culture.

(d) Ethical issues in Genetic Research.

(e) Indigenous knowledge.

6. (a) Critically examine the prevalence of caste ideology among religious minorities in the Indian context.

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(b) Discuss the linkages between language, territoriality and kinship among the tribes of North-East India.

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7. (a) Critically examine the National Policy on Rehabilitation and Resettlement substantiating it with experiences from different parts of India.

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(b) Compare the salient features and distribution of the Middle Paleolithic and Upper Palaeolithic cultures India. Add a note on the tool traditions of the Upper Palaeolithic period.

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8. (a) Critically examine the 'book view' and the 'field view' of social reality.

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(b) Using examples, comment on how anthropology can be utilised in policy making.

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(c) Briefly comment on the linkage between:

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(i) Gender and Customary Law

(ii) Gender and Caste

ANTHROPOLOGY
[IAS(Main) 2013]
PAPER-I

SECTION-A

1. Write short notes on the following in about 150 words each:

12 × 5 = 60

(a) How do you situate Anthropology in Social Sciences?

(b) Various types of descent.

(c) Totemism.

(d) Linguistic Anthropology.

(e) Carbon-14 method of dating.

2. (a) Why has the concept of Cultural Relativism been so dear to anthropologists ? (250 words)

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(b) Bring out the distinguishing features of culture and civilization.

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(c) Where do you situate 'live-in relationship' within the institution of marriage? (250 words)

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3. (a) Discuss the impact of globalization on 20 tribal economy. (350 words)

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(b) In what ways is Functionalism different from Structural Functionalism? (350 words)

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(c) Differentiate between Economics and Economic Anthropology. (150 words)

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4. (a) Discuss the impact of urbanization and feminist movement on family. (250 words)

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(b) Bring out the contribution of Turner and Geertz in symbolic and interpretive theories in Anthropology. (250 words)

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(c) How does taboo serve as a means of social control? (250 words)

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SECTION-B

5. Write short notes on the following in about 150 words each:

10 × 5=50

(a) Role of primatology in Anthropological studies.

(b) Differentiate between Child Growth & Development.

(c) Ageing and Senescence.

(d) Twin method in human genetics.

(e) Demographic transition.

6. (a) Give a broad outline of Paleolithic culture emphasizing upon its tool. technology. (250 words)

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(b) What do you understand by 'Genetic Load' in a population? How is it measured and what are the important factors that can influence it? (250 words)

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(c) Justify "Though human growth is under tight genetic control but it is influenced by various environmental factors." (250 words)

15

7. (a) Discuss the relevance of Case Study method of data collection. (250) words)

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(b) Elaborate upon major human adaptations to heat and cold. (250 words)

15

(c) What are genetic markers and what is their usefulness? Why are blood groups considered as good genetic markers? Illustrate with examples. (250 words)

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8. (a) Discuss how Neo-Darwinism integrated the fields of Genetics and Evolution. (250 words)

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(b) What is meant by epidemiological transition? Elaborate upon its causes and consequences highlighting major health problems of our adult population today. (250 words)

15

(c) Differentiate between Race and Racism. What are three races of the world? Give important biological criteria used frequently for such a classification. (250 words)

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PAPER-II

SECTION-A

1. Write short notes on the following in about 150 words each:

10 × 5 = 50

(a) Sufi tradition of Islam.

(b) Threat to tribal languages in India.

(c) Examine the debates related to Ramapithecus.

(d) Discuss how Louis Dumont explained caste system.

(e) Discuss salient features of Mesolithic culture in India with special reference to western India.

2. Answer the following in about 250 words each:

(a) Examine Nature - man - spirit complex as an ecological concept.

15

(b) Indian Paleolithic culture can neither be conceived chronologically homogenous nor as a uniform cultural phase. Discuss.

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(c) Discuss the significance of study of religious centres to the understanding of Indian civilization.

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3. Answer the following in about 375 words each :

(a) Examine the anthropological contributions dealing with tribes and Indian civilization.

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(b) What is Jajmani system? Examine the views on Jajmani system as an egalitarian as well as exploitative system. Give reasons for its decline.

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4. Answer the following in about 250 words each :

(a) Indian farmers are not slow to react to economic opportunities. Discuss this statement.

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(b) Examine the criticisms on the concept of dominant caste.

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(c) Discuss the contributions of H.D. Sankalia to prehistoric anthropology in India.

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SECTION-B

5. Write short notes on the following in about 150 words each:

10 × 5 = 50

(a) Government Action towards Left Wing Extremism.

(b) Role of Gramsabha under PESA.

(c) Impacts of sanctuaries and national park on tribal populations.

(d) Linguistic classification of Indian tribes.

(e) Ethnic movements in India.

6. Answer the following in about 250 words each:

(a) Fifth Schedule and Sixth Schedule of the Constitution are built on the foundations laid by the colonial Government. Discuss.

20

(b) Discuss the significance of cultural and administrative factors in tribal development.

15

(c) Examine the impacts of green revolution on rural poor.

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7. Answer the following in about 250 words each:

(a) Discuss the criticism levelled against anthropology in the context of 'Isolation, and assimilations debate' tribal populations.

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(b) Assess the contributions of earth century ethnographic tradition to Indian anthropology.

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(c) Discuss how British policies dispossessed tribals of their communal properties and agricultural lands.

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8. Answer the following in about 250 words each :

(a) Discuss alternatives for shifting cultivators in the context of ecological costs and humanistic concerns.

20

(b) Examine the impact of non-tribal contract on socio-cultural institutions of tribal people with suitable examples.

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(c) Discuss the Social disabilities suffered by scheduled castes.

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ANTHROPOLOGY [IAS(Main) 2014]

PAPER-I

SECTION-A

1. Write short notes on the following in about 150 words each:

10 × 5 = 50

(a) Double Descent.

(b) Genealogical Method.

(c) Major sub-divisions of Anthropology.

(d) Ecological Anthropology.

(e) Field work tradition in Anthropology.

2. (a) Critically examine the role of anthropology in Contemporary India.

15

(b) Is culture unique to human beings? Critically examine.

15

(c) Discuss the role of anthropology in the understanding of health and disease. What specific understanding is available with respect to infectious and non-infectious diseases?

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3. (a) Discuss the nature of Law and Justice in simple societies citing suitable examples.

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(b) Define marriage and describe the various types of marriages in human societies.

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(c) Define Status and Role. Distinguish between Ascribed and Achieved Status.

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4. (a) hat is functionalism? Discuss the functional approach to the understanding of Religion.

20

(b) What is understood by 'Rites of Passage? Describe the various phases of the 'Rites of Passage' and their significance.

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(c) Differentiate between State and Stateless Societies.

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SECTION-B

5. Write short notes on the following in about 150 words each:

10 × 5 = 50

(a) Cross-sectional methods of studying human growth.

(b) Genetic Counselling.

(c) Epidemiological Anthropology.

(d) Asian Homo erectus.

(e) Fertility and Fecundity.

6. (a) What are the different stages of Growth? Describe any one of them in detail.

20

(b) Describe Turner and Klinefelter Syndromes in humans.

15

(c) What are the stresses at high altitudes? How do better cardio-respiratory functions help the native highlanders in combating low environmental pressure?

15

7. (a) Discuss the factors affecting gene frequencies among human populations.

20

(b) Elucidate the skeletal differences between humans and chimpanzees.

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(c) Discuss the relevance of menarche, menopause and other bio-events to fertility.

15

8. (a) Discuss Ageing and Senescence. Describe either the biological or social theories of Ageing.

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(b) Describe the absolute dating methods in Archaeology, highlighting the importance of each method.

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(c) Describe the Neolithic culture of India.

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PAPER-II

SECTION-A

1. Write short notes on the following in about 150 words each:

10 x 5 = 50

(a) Neolithic cultures of N-E India.

(b) Tribe-Caste continuum.

(c) Great tradition and Little tradition.

(d) Major linguistic divisions of India.

(e) Contribution of H. H. Risley to the 'Aryan' debate.

2. (a) Describe what is known of Harappan Religion. Have some of its elements continued into later Hinduism? Discuss.

20

(b) Describe the concept of 'Sacred Complex' with an ethnographic example.

15

(c) Do you think caste persists in contemporary India ? Critically discuss

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3. (a) Define the concept 'Dominant Caste and examine its relevance in the contemporary Indian village with suitable examples.

20

(b) Discuss the contribution of Islam to the composite culture of India.

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(c) Discuss the importance of the ethno- archaeological approach to the study of indigenous craft in India.

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4. (a) Discuss the contributions of S.C. Roy to understanding the tribes of India.

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(b) Describe the evolutionary significance of the fossil finds of the Narmada Basin.

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(c) Outline the distribution of Dravidian languages in India and describe their cultural significance.

on tribes.

SECTION-B

5. Write short notes of the following in about 150 words each:

(a) Biogenetic variations of Indian tribes.

(b) Social and economic marginalization of tribal people.

(c) Forest policy and tribes.

(d) The concept of PTG.

(e) Impact of Christianity

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10 × 5=50

6. (a) Critically examine the constitutional provisions for safeguarding the interests of Scheduled Tribes in India.

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(b) Discuss the impact of land alienation on the tribes of Central India.

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(c) Critically evaluate the National Tribal Policy.

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7. (a) Discuss the impact of Globalization on the livelihood of the tribal populations.

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(b) What are the significant factors. responsible for tribal unrest?

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(c) Discuss the rise of ethno-nationalism among Indian tribes with specific example.

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8. (a) Critically assess the role of anthro- pologists in rural development.

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(b) Critically examine the role of NGOs in promoting health and education in tribal areas.

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(c) Describe the history of tribal admini- stration in the colonial period.

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ANTHROPOLOGY
[IAS(Main) 2015]
PAPER-I

SECTION-A

1. Write notes on the following in about 150 words each:

10×5=50

(a) Archaeological Anthropology.

(b) Society and Culture.

(c) Incest Taboos.

(d) Horticulture.

(e) Historical Particularism.

2. (a) Elucidate the biological and cultural factors in Human Evolution.

15

(b) How did Morgan explain the evolution of marriage, family and Socio- Political organization and how did other evolutionists disagree with his explanation?

20

(c) How do diffusionism and evolutionism differ as explanations of Cultural Change?

15

3. (a) Define family and critically examine the universality of family.

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(b) How do you relate the concepts of 'Sacred' and 'Profane' in Durkheim's theory of religion with a focus on the role of totem?

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(c) Explain the basic features of "Postmodernism' in Anthropology.

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4. (a) Critically examine the Formalists and Substantivists' views on the applicability of economic laws in the study of primitive societies.

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(b) Explain the difference between emic and etic, and how does the difference derive from the study of language?

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(c) What made Geertz's Interpretive Anthropology distinct from Turner's symbolic anthropology? What does each of them mean by the terms Symbol' and 'Symbolic'?

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SECTION-B

5. Write notes on the following in about 150 words each:

10 × 5 = 50

(a) Palaeolithic culture.

(b) Down's Syndrome.

(c) Longitudinal method of studying growth.

(d) Menopause and its impact.

(e) DNA technology in Medicine.

6. (a) Describe the salient characteristics and geographical distribution of Homo erectus.

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(b) Critically examine Darwin's theory of evolution in understanding evolution.

15

(c) Discuss chromosomal aberrations in man illustrating with examples.

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7. (a) What is an anthropometic somatotype? Describe Heath and Carter's method of somatotyping.

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(b) Critically examine the physiological responses and acclimatization to cold climate in Man.

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(c) Elucidate the role of Anthropology in selection and monitoring of sports persons.

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8. (a) Forensic Science can help in criminal investigations. Discuss.

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(b) Define genetic polymorphism. Give details of its types with suitable examples.

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(c) What do you understand by Immunogenetics? Explain with suitable examples.

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PAPER-II

SECTION-A

1. Write notes on the following in about 150 words each:

10 × 5 = 50

(a) Relevance of tribal Panchsheel today.

(b) Sacred complex as a dimension of Indian civilization.

(c) South Indian Paleoliths.

(d) Panchayati Raj Institutions and Social Change.

(e) Rights over resources and tribal unrest.

2. (a) Examine the social implications of media and communication technology.

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(b) Briefly describe the classical models of ethnic and linguistic classification of Indian population. Discuss its relevance today.

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(c) Discuss the problems faced by religious minorities in India.

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3. (a) Discuss how constitutional provisions in India have built-in mechanisms for dealing with the problem of land alienation in tribal areas.

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(b) Discuss the impact of Hinduism on the status of tribal women in Central India.

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(c) Describe the paleoanthropological fossil finds from Siwalik hills. Examine the contribution of Siwalik fossils to paleoanthropological knowledge.

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4. (a) Critically examine the concept of communalism and its relevance for multi-religious and multiethnic polity of India.

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(b) Examine in detail the role of anthropology in planning for tribal development.

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(c) Critically compare 'Affirmative Action' of USA and 'Protective Discrimination for Scheduled Tribes in India.

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SECTION-B

5. Write notes on the following in about 150 words each:

10×5 = 50

(a) Prehistoric Rock Art of Central India.

(b) Islam and Matriliny.

(c) Socio-economic characteristics of shifting cultivators.

(d) Elwin-Ghurye Debate on Tribes.

(e) Role of Governor in Fifth Schedule Areas.

6. (a) Examine the contribution of village studies towards the understanding of Indian social system.

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(b) Discuss the impact of globalization on village economy in India.

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(c) Discuss the significance of Harappan Civilization sites from India.

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7. (a) Recently non-government organizations have been critiqued for interfering with developmental process in tribal heartland! Critically comment.

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(b) Discuss the nature of social change in tribal India under the impact of developmental programmes.

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(c) Discuss the contribution of M.N. Srinivas to the study of Indian society.
Examine the influence of British social anthropologists on his ideas.

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8. (a) What do you understand by dynamics of caste mobility? How did the concept of Sanskritization contribute to its functionality?

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(b) Critically examine the concept of tribe- caste continuum and its relevance in contemporary India.

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(c) Discuss the socio-cultural, economic and psychological constraints responsible for low literacy in tribal areas.

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ANTHROPOLOGY
[IAS(Main) 2016]
PAPER-I

Time Allowed: 3 hrs. **Max. marks:** 300

There are EIGHT questions divided in TWO sections. Candidates has to attempt FIVE questions in all. Question No. 1 and 5 are compulsory, and out of the remaining, THREE are to be attempted choosing at least ONE question from each Section. Attempts of questions shall be counted in chronological order.

SECTION-A

1. Write notes on the following in about 150 words each: **10×5 = 50**

   (a) Differences between Social Anthropology and Sociology.

   (b) Cultural Relativism.

   (c) Lineage and Clan.

   (d) Totemism.

   (e) Functionalism. **15**

2. (a) Delineate the salient features of Chalcolithic cultures.

   (b) Discuss the impact of urbanization and feminist movements on family in India. **20**

   (c) According to Geertz, how does the cockfight reveal aspects of Balinese culture? **15**

3. (a) Describe the cardinal points of descent and alliance theories. **20**

   (b) Discuss different social control mechanisms in simple societies.

(c) Critically examine different Anthropological approaches to religion.

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4. (a) Discuss the principles governing production, distribution and exchange in simple societies.

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(b) How do the concepts of binary opposite and exchange figure in Levi-Strauss' structural analysis of Kinship?

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(c) Describe the evolution of fieldwork tradition in Anthropology.

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SECTION-B

5. Write notes on the following in about 150 words each:

10×5 = 50

(a) Rh-Blood Group.

(b) Rhodesian Man.

(c) Neolithic Cultures of India.

(d) Fertility and Fecundity.

(e) Forensic Anthropology.

6. (a) Elucidate the biological and cultural factors in human evolution.

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(b) Explain the role of heredity and environment in the formation of races.

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(c) Discuss different factors affecting growth and development in human beings.

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7. (a) Critically discuss the Mendelian principles and their application to human populations.

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(b) Explain the significance of screening and counselling for genetic disorders.

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(c) Describe the scope of Epidemiolo-gical Anthropology in the study of infectious and non-infectious diseases.

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8. (a) Describe the role of Anthropology in designing defence and other equipments.

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(b) Discuss the genetic and non-genetic factors in the bio-cultural adaptations of human beings to different environments.

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(c) Explain the skeletal changes due to erect posture and their implications.

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PAPER-II

SECTION-A

1. Write notes on the following in about 150 words each:

10×5 = 50

(a) Significance of Mesolithic findings from Belan Valley.

(b) Linguistic elements in Indian population.

(c) Relevance of caste in contemporary Indian politics.

(d) Impact of Jainism on Indian society.

(e) Ethno-archaeological evidences for the survival of hunting-gathering traditions in India.

2. (a) Write about the contribution made by Christoph von Furer-Haimendorf to tribal anthropology in India.

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(b) Delineate the salient characteristics of 'Narmada Man' and examine its phylogenetic significance.

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(c) Discuss how cultural diversity of Indian tribes has enriched its plural traditions.

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3. (a) Examine the structural and cultural theories of caste system in India.

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(b) Give a critical assessment of 'Negrito Problem' in India.

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(c) Describe the traditional patterns of settlement of Indian villages.

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4. (a) Give a detailed appraisal of skeletal remains from Chalcolithic culture of undivided Punjab.

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(b) How is process of tribe-caste continuum different from Sanskritisation? Comment.

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(c) Compare the contribution of L.P Vidyarthi and D.N. Majumdar to the study of Indian tribes.

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SECTION-B

5. Write notes on the following in about 150 words each:

10×5=50

(a) The role that regionalism plays in demand for autonomy among Indian tribes.

(b) Bio-genetic variability of Indian tribes.

(c) Impact of industrialization on scheduled tribe population of Jharkhand.

(d) Tribe as a colonial construct.

(e) Anthropological interpretation of ethnic and political movements.

6. (a) Explain Indian village as a social system with suitable examples.

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(b) Examine the nature of interplay of little and great traditions in the context of globalization.

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(c) Explain the difficulties experienced by scheduled tribes with regard to implementation of the Reorganisation of Forest Rights Act, 2006'.

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7. (a) Examine the factors responsible for the exploitation of scheduled castes in India.

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(b) Discuss the impact of Islam on scheduled tribes of India.

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(c) Describe how various tribal development programmes and plans have impacted the process of social transformation among tribes.

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8. (a) Write in detail various provisions provided by the Constitution of India for the Scheduled Tribes under Vth and VIth Schedules.

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(b) Critically examine the role of NGOs and missionaries in transformation of scheduled tribes in Central India.

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(c) Describe how anthropological knowledge and methods are useful in rural development.

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ANTHROPOLOGY
[IAS(Main) 2017]
PAPER-I

SECTION-A

1. Write notes on the following in about 150 words each:

10×5 = 50

(a) Bilineal and Bilateral descent.

(b) Difference between religion and magic.

(c) Basic tenets of structural-functionalism.

(d) Non-verbal communication.

(e) Questionnaire.

2. (a) Discuss the development of the concept of culture in Anthropology.

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(b) Elucidate the determinants of Kinship terminology.

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(c) Discuss the different forms of preferential marriage with suitable examples from tribal societies in India.

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3. (a) Discuss the different traditional forms of religion in tribal societies.

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(b) Mention the characteristic features of band with suitable examples.

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(c) With the help of appropriate examples, explain the various forms of exchange system.

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4. (a) Explain Ruth Benedict's patterns of culture.

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(b) Elucidate the basic characteristics of anthropological fieldwork methods.

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(c) Critically examine the Stewardian view of neo-evolutionism.

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SECTION-B

5. Write notes on the following in about 150 words each:

10 × 5=50

(a) Hardy-Weinberg Law.

(b) Salient features of Mesolithic culture (c) Concept of race.

(d) Age at menarche.

(e) Anthropology and designing of equipments on any one branch.

6. (a) Define Anthropology. Describe the major branches of Anthropology elaborating.

5+15=20

(b) Bring out the comparative anatomical features of man and apes. Discuss their evolutionary significance.

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(c) What are dating methods? Discuss one absolute method and one relative method in detail.

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7. (a) Briefly describe the various methods used in the genetic study of man.

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(b) Discuss the responses and acclimatization to high altitude stresses.

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(c) Describe the biological and socio-ecological factors affecting fertility and mortality.

15

8. (a) What are the methods of personal identification? Critically examine how 'personal identification helps in criminal investigation.

20

(b) Describe the various methods of studying growth highlighting their merits and demerits.

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(c) Discuss Sheldon's method of somatotyping.

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PAPER-II

SECTION-A

1. Write short notes on the following in about 150 words each:

10 × 5=50

(a) Neolithic cultures of South India.

(b) Austro-asiatic linguistic groups in India.

(c) Varnashram and the concept of Rina.

(d) Ethno-archaeology.

(e) Nature-man-spirit complex.

2. (a) Discuss the contribution of Nirmal Kumar Bose to the understanding of Indian society.

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(b) Describe the salient features of chalcolithic cultures of the Deccan.

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(c) Critically discuss the constitutional safeguards for the Scheduled Castes.

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3. (a) Discuss the impact of market economy on the Jajmani system.

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(b) Describe the salient features of Ramapithecus.

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(c) Discuss the social, political and economic status of Muslims in India.

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4. (a) Explain how Buddhism influenced the economic and cultural transformations of Indian society.

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(b) Describe various aspects of trade and religion of Harappan civilization.

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(c) Discuss the impact of media as an instrument of social change.

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SECTION-B

5. Write short notes on the following in about 150 words each:

10×5 = 50

(a) Indebtedness among tribal communities.

(b) Ethnicity and regionalism.

(c) Other Backward Class.

(d) Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (earlier known as PTG).

(e) Impact of Christianity on Indian tribes.

6. (a) Describe the impact of displacement on the health and nutritional status of tribal communities.

20

(b) Discuss the emergence, salient features and limitations of Tribal sub- plan.

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(c) Give a critical evaluation of any one anthropological village study in India.

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7. (a) Critically evaluate the term 'tribe' (as used in India) as compared to the term 'indigenous' in some other countries.

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(b) Discuss the impact of Panchayati Raj institution on the empowerment of rural women in India.

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(c) Give a critical appraisal of any one tribal development programme during XIIth Five-Year plan. Give your suggestions for any improvement in the programme.

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8. (a) Give your assessment of the reasons for the imbalance in the sex- ratio in India.

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(b) Discuss the relevance of art and craft traditions in the understanding of Indian archaeology.

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(c) Discuss the contribution of anthropology in understanding the loss of livelihood of tribal communities due to economic and ecological factors.

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ANTHROPOLOGY
[IAS(Main) 2018]
PAPER-I

SECTION-A

1. Write notes on the following in about 150 words each:

10×5=50

(a) The Relevance of Anthropology.

(b) Difference between Science and Magic.

(c) Town Planning of Harappan Culture.

(d) Kinship Terminology.

(e) Ways of Acquiring Mate in Tribal Society.

2. (a) Explain the biological changes that made human beings capable of making culture.

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(b) How does customary law function in the tribal society? Discuss its different sources.

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(c) What do you understand by the National Character Study? Illustrate the concept.

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3. (a) Define ethnography and present a brief history of ethnographic studies.

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(b) Give an account of the consequences of food production of Neolithic culture.

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(c) Critically examine that the structure. and content of language are influenced by culture.

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4. (a) How is case study method helpful in understanding a social phenomena ? Explain with suitable example.

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(b) Describe the culture related to Homo erectus.

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(c) Write the characteristics of hunting 15 and gathering economy.

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SECTION-B

5. Write notes on the following in about 150 words each:

10 × 5 = 50

(a) Gordon Guide's Theory of Cultural Evolution.

(b) Advanced Molecular Anthropology Techniques.

(c) Categorise Genes that influence Human Survival.

(d) Race is a Myth. Justify its Present Day Relevance.

(e) Issues of Elderly and Senescence in Developing and Developed Countries.

6. (a) Explain the mechanisms of human variation in gene frequencies.

20

(b) Do Allen's rule and Bergmann's rule hold for human populations? Explain with examples.

15

(c) Explain the impact of discovery of iron technology on contemporary society.

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7. (a) Describe the mechanisms for structural anomalies of autosomes with diagrams.

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(b) Describe the principles of radiocarbon dating. Mention its limitations.

15

(c) Narrate evolution of disease and major causes of ill health in human populations.

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8. (a) Distinguish between adaptation, adaptability and acclimatization with examples.

20

(b) Define fecundity and explain major factors affecting fecundity in Indian populations.

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(c) Give an account of the field methods used in the study of Archaeological Anthropology.

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PAPER-II

SECTION-A

1. Write short notes on the following in about 150 words each:

10 × 5 = 50

(a) Distinctive cultural features of tribes of Andaman islands.

(b) Philosophy behind Purusharthas.

(c) Endangered languages.

(d) OBCs among non-Hindu communities.

(e) Ethnoarchaeology as a research strategy.

2. (a) Explain the contribution of tribal cultures to Indian civilization.

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(b) Describe the salient features of Sivapithecus.

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(c) Discuss the impact of market economy on rural villages.

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3. (a) Examine the regional variations of mesolithic cultures of India.

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(b) Based on historical and contemporary evidences, discuss the future of caste system in India.

15

(c) Examine the colonial administrators' view that Indian villages can be considered as little republics'.

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4. (a) Explain the impact of Buddhism and Jainism on Indian society.

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(b) What are the various factors influencing population growth in India? Discuss.

15

(c) Discuss the view that caste is not social stratification, but a system of hierarchy.

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SECTION-B

5. Write short notes on the following in about 150 words each:

10×5 = 50

(a) Youth dormitory as an institution.

(b) Tribe and schedule tribe.

(c) Agrarian social structure.

(d) The impact of Panchayati Raj Institutions in rural areas.

(e) Modernization.

6. (a) Compare and contrast the economic typology of tribes given by different anthropologists.

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(b) Discuss the contribution of S. C. Roy in the study of tribal cultures in India.

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(c) Examine the advancement made in the land acquisition and rehabilitation Act of 2013 over the Land acquisition Act of 1894.

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7. (a) Critically examine the contributions of Makhan Jha and B.N. Saraswati to the study of sacred complexes in India.

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(b) Discuss the various factors resulting in tribal unrest in various parts of India.

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(c) Discuss the salient features of PESA Act of 1996 and attempt a comparison with the features of the VI Schedule.

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8. (a) Examine the strengths and weaknesses of anthropology in the context of its role in tribal and rural development.

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(b) Explain the significance of tribe-caste continuum in the present context.

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(c) Discuss the significance and implementation of 'Recognition of Forest Right's Act 2006'.

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ANTHROPOLOGY
[IAS(Main) 2019]
PAPER-I

SECTION-A

1. Write notes on the following in about 150 words each:

10×5 = 50

(a) The relationship between Linguistics and Social-Cultural Anthropology.

(b) Cultural Relativism.

(c) Pastoralism in India.

(d) Cultural Materialism.

(e) Relative Dating Methods.

2. (a) Discuss the evolutionary significance of bimetallism and erect posture.

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(b) How did Radcliffe-Brown and Levi- Strauss study kinship in terms of social structure?

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(c) Elucidate Mesolithic culture and associated rock art with examples from India.

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3. (a) Discuss social stratification according to any three major approaches.

20

(b) "Europeans are closer to Neanderthals". Critically discuss in view of the African origin of humankind.

15

(c) Discuss briefly the major traditions in the Upper Paleolithic culture of Europe.

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4. (a) With reference to the somatoscopic and morphometric characteristics commonly used for racial classification, make critical comments as to whether 'Race' is a valid concept.

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(b) Critically explain the anthropological approaches to religion.

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(c) Differentiate between transient and balanced genetic polymorphism. Illustrate your answer with suitable examples from human populations.

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SECTION-B

5. Write notes on the following in about 150 words each:

10×5 = 50

(a) Adaptive primate radiation.

(b) Implications of mutation in evolution.

(c) Olduvai Gorge.

(d) Anthropological inputs in facial reconstruction.

(e) Genetico-environmental factors affecting human growth.

(f) Adaptive primate radiation.

6. (a) Examine critically the contributions of Victor Turner and Clifford Geertz in anthropology.

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(b) "Human adaptations are always bio- cultural in nature." Discuss with reference to human adaptation to high-altitude climate.

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(c) Discuss the methods of studying human growth with their merits and demerits.

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7. (a) Discuss how indigenous people. encounter globalization.

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(b) "Applied human genetics has come to touch every sphere of human life" Discuss in light of recent advances in molecular anthropology.

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(c) Evaluate participant observation in producing anthropological knowledge.

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8. (a) Discuss with examples the Megalithic culture of India in the archaeological context.

20

(b) Discuss the bio-cultural factors. influencing fertility in light of the relationship between fecundity and fertility.

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(c) Discuss phenomenology as a research. method in anthropological studies.

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PAPER-II

SECTION-A

1. Write short notes on the following in about 150 words each:

10 × 5 = 50

(a) Phylogenetic position and morphological features of Ramapithecus.

(b) Ethno-archaeological analysis of hunting activities of contemporary tribal communities.

(c) Distribution of Tibeto-Burman group of languages in India.

(d) Use of doctrine of Karma and rebirth in justifying the Varna system.

(e) The Jajmani system and contemporary market economy.

2. (a) Describe the Paleolithic culture with special reference to Soanian tradition. Indicate the problems of describing the Indian Paleolithic.

15+5 = 20

(b) What has been the contribution of tribal people to the Indian Independence movement?

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(c) Describe the impact of Buddhism on the tribal population of India.

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3. (a) What kind of society may be reconstructed from the archaeological evidences of Harappan culture?

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(b) Discuss the impact of media on the social life of Indian villages.

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(c) Critically assess the existing plans and programmes meant for tribal welfare.

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4. (a) Give an account of the contributions of Iravati Karve and B.S. Guha to the analysis of race and caste in India.

10+10=20

(b) What has been the impact of development projects on the environment and livelihood of forest-dwelling tribes?

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(c) Identify some special programmes for particularly vulnerable Tribal Groups (erstwhile PTGs).

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SECTION-B

5. Write short notes on the following in about 150 words each:

10×5 = 50

(a) Ethnicity and regionalism.

(b) Panchayati Raj as a facilitator of social inclusion in rural society.

(c) Anthropological understanding of communalism.

(d) Issues relating to tribal education.

(e) Distribution of Neolithic sites in India.

6. (a) Identify the theoretical concepts that have emerged out of village studies in India.

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(b) Critically discuss the role of NGOs in tribal development.

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(c) Describe the impact of industrialization on the economic and social aspects of India's villages.

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7. (a) Discuss how the elements of Little and Great Traditions combine in the emergence of social/political/religious movements, giving any one example to illustrate the issue.

20

(b) Write about the role of colonial administration in the development of Anthropology in India.

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(c) What are the salient issues faced by pastoral communities in India? Discuss with suitable examples.

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8. (a) Discuss with appropriate examples how tribal unrest maybe understood as emerging out of an incompatibility between tribes and the nation-state.

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(b) What has been the impact of non- Hindu religions on the emancipation of Schedule Castes in India?

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(c) What are the constitutional safeguards to protect the interests of the Indian tribes?

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ANTHROPOLOGY
[IAS(Main) 2020]
PAPER-I

SECTION-A

1. Write notes on the following in about 150 words each: **10×5 = 50**

   (a) Natufian culture. **10**

   (b) Sapir-Whorf hypothesis. **10**

   (c) Human rights and Cultural relativism. **10**

   (d) Victor Turner and Liminality. **10**

   (e) Jane Goodall's contributions in studying primate behaviour. **10**

2. (a) Critically evaluate the contesting theories of the emergence and dispersal of modern Homo Sapiens. **20**

   (b) Discuss Erving Goffman's concept of total institutions and its relevance in contemporary society. **15**

   (c) Differentiate between Lower Palaeolithic culture and Middle Palaeolithic culture with suitable examples. **15**

3. (a) Explain the impact of feminist movement on universality of marriage and family structure. **15**

(b) Critically examine the demographic and epidemiological consequences with rise in food production and sedentism.

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(c) Elucidate how Darwin and Post-Darwin theories of evolution resulted in the development of Synthetic theory of evolution.

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4. (a) Discuss various anthropological approaches to the study of personality and culture.

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(b) Illustrate with examples the various types of locomotion patterns among the non-human primates.

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(c) How is the construct of power linked to the notion of conspicuous consumption and its impact on distributive justice?

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SECTION-B

5. Write notes on the following in about 150 words each:

10×5 = 50

(a) Racism and Eugenics. **10**

(b) Genetic drift. **10**

(c) Experiential Ethnography. **10**

(d) Ethics and Genetic engineering. **10**

(e) Senescence. **10**

6. (a) Secular trend in human growth can be positive, negative or neutral. Illustrate with examples.

20

(b) Describe the impact of infectious diseases on indigenous populations.

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(c) How may numerical aberrations in sex chromosomes lead to genetic disorders?

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7. (a) Explain how variations in language usage is related to social inequality.

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(b) Describe the biocultural responses to extreme climatic events.

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(c) How do marriage rules impact the gene pool of populations?

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8. (a) How can synergising the core branches of anthropology reinvigorate the holistic spirit of the discipline?

20

(b) What are the applications of human genomic research in human welfare?

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(c) How have interpretation and presentation of data changed from classical to contemporary writings in anthropological texts?

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PAPER-II

SECTION-A

1. Write short notes on the following in about 150 words each: Anthropology.

(a) Contribution of Robert Bruce Foote to Indian Archaeology.

(b) Debates on 'Aryan' invasion.

(c) Contribution of K.S. Singh to Indian

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(d) Dravidian languages.

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(e) 'Khap' Panchayat.

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2. (a) Discuss the impact of Islam on Indian Society.

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(b) Discuss the contribution of V. N. Misra to Archaeological Anthropology in India.

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(c) Elucidate the linguistic classification of Indian tribes.

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3. (a) Discuss the characteristics of caste system in India.

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(b) Discuss the importance of Ethno- archaeology in reconstructing the Past citing Indian examples.

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(c) Explain the impact of Hinduism on Tribal people of India.

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4. (a) Explain the reasons of caste violence in India with suitable examples.

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(b) Discuss the impact of Globalization on Indian villages.

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(c) Describe the provisions under 6th Schedule of Indian constitution.

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SECTION-B

5. Write short notes on the following in about 150 words each:

10×5 = 50

(a) Concept of Sanskritisation.

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(b) 'Narmada' Man.

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(c) Concept of 'Dominant' caste.

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(d) Linguistic minorities in India.

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(e) Concept of Ethnicity.

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6. (a) What are the Social and Political problems of religious minorities in India?

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(b) Describe the functions of Tribal Research Institutes in India.

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(c) Discuss the effect of job reservation in alleviating unemployment among the tribal people of India.

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7. (a) Explain the impact of development-induced displacement among the tribal people in India with suitable examples.

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(b) Discuss the characteristic features of 'Neolithic culture' in India.

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(c) Critically evaluate the state of implementation of the constitutional safeguards for the scheduled castes.

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8 (a) Discuss the regionalism and demand for autonomy in India from Anthro- pological perspective with respect to Kashmir/Nagaland/ Bodoland/ Gorkhaland agitation.

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(b) Elucidate the problems of land alienation among the tribals of India.

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(c) Describe the different settlement patterns in rural India.

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ANTHROPOLOGY
[IAS(Main) 2021]
PAPER-I

SECTION-A

1. Write notes on the following in about 150 words each: **10 × 5 = 50**

   (a) Animism and Deep Ecology. **10**

   (b) Marriage Regulations and Alliance Theory. **10**

   (c) Historical Particularism and Franz Boas. **10**

   (d) "The bio-cultural approach is the hallmark of Biological Anthropology." Explain. **10**

   (e) Thermoluminescence (TL) dating. **10**

2. (a) What are the physical and cultural characteristics of Homo erectus? Discuss its phylogenetic status. **20**

   (b) Elucidate the concept of "thick description" of Clifford Geertz with a suitable example. **15**

   (c) Describe the features of early farming cultures and Neolithic of the Near East. **15**

3. (a) How do political organisations of simple societies establish power, authority and legitimacy? **20**

(b) Explain the genetic mechanisms of micro and macro evolution.

(c) Discuss the salient features of different traditions of European Mesolithic.

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4. (a) Elaborate the scope of anthropology and elucidate its uniqueness in the field of other social sciences.

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(b) Mention the major branches of linguistic anthropology and discuss language use in social cultural settings.

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(c) "Chromosomal aberrations can play havoc with the human body and mind." Explain with suitable examples.

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SECTION-B

5. Write notes on the following in about 150 words each:

10 × 5 = 50

(a) Human adolescent growth spurt. **10**

(b) The losses and gains of erect postur. **10**

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(c) Is race a valid and biologically meaningful concept? **10**

(d) Descent Groups. **10**

(e) Modes of Subsistence.

6. (a) What is acclimatization? Discuss adaptive responses to high altitude and cold climate.

20

(b) How are the cases of disputed paternity solved? Discuss the recent techniques.

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(c) Critically evaluate Lewis Morgan's classification of family.

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7. (a) Critically evaluate different types of social stratifications with suitable examples.

20

(b) Discuss the bio-social determinants of fertility and fecundity.

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(c) What is Anthropometry? Discuss its role in assessing the nutritional status and sports capability of a person.

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8. (a) Discuss various tools of data collection in conducting anthropological research.

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(b) Discuss the physiological and evolutionary theories of aging.

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(c) Explain the structural analysis of kinship as proposed by Levi-Strauss.

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PAPER-II

SECTION-A

1. Write short notes on the following in about 150 words each:

10×5 = 50

(a) Purushartha and righteous living today.

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(b) Relevance of tribe-caste continuum.

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(c) Harappan seals.

(d) Caste and social capital.

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(e) Factionalism and politics in rural India.

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2. (a) Critically discuss the origin of Indus Valley Civilization. Mention the evidences of its endogenous origin from the pre-Harappan sites.

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(b) Give the distribution and characteristic features of Upper Paleolithic culture in India.

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(c) Discuss the morphological features and phylogenetic position of Ramapithecus.

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3. (a) Explain the impact of the concept of nature -man-spirit complex on sustainable use of natural resources with suitable examples.

20

(b) Examine the contributions of S.C. Roy in highlighting the role of customary laws in tribal life.

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(c) Critically assess the impact of Christianity on tribal culture and identity.

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4. (a) Discuss the contributions of N.K. Bose in understanding tribal communities and their place in Indian civilization.

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(b) Discuss the role of Panchayati Raj Institutions in transforming traditional power hierarchy in rural India.

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(c) Elucidate the problems and challenges in educational attainment of the Scheduled Tribes.

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SECTION-B

10×5 = 50

5. Write short notes on the following in about 150 words each: 10

(a) Urbanization and tribal institutions. 10

(b) Ethnic media and social awareness. 10

(c) Cultural diversity and multiculturalism. 10

(d) Concept of tribe and Indian census. 10

(e) Politics of recognition and deprivation. 10

6. (a) Discuss the impact of the Forest Rights Act (2006) on the livelihood and culture of tribal people in India. 20

(b) Examine the factors responsible for malnutrition in tribal India and suggest interventions required to overcome the problem. 15

(c) Delineate the factors influencing fertility in Indian population. 15

7. (a) Explain the impact of successive Land Acquisition Acts on tribal social organization. 20

(b) Discuss the problems involved in rehabilitation and resettlement of tribal displaced due to development projects in India.

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(c) Discuss the interventions made by the Non-Governmental Organizationas for empowering tribal women.

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8. (a) Examine how structural transformation in economy is affecting traditional social relationships in agrarian society.

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(b) Delineate the constitutional safeguard for religious minorities in India.

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(c) Indentify the causes of tribal unrest with special reference to North- East India.

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PAPER-I

SECTION-A

1. Write notes on the following in about 150 words each: **10×5 = 50**

(a) Debate between formalist and substantivist approaches. **10**

(b) Mesolithic rock art in Indian subcontinent. **10**

(c) Radcliffe-Brown's ideas on status, role and institution. **10**

(d) Pedigree analysis in genetic counselling.

(e) Participatory Rural Appraisal (PRA) and Participatory Learning and Action (PLA). **10**

2. (a) "Anthropology is the systematic, objective and holistic study of human kind in all times and places". Elaborate the argument. **20**

(b) Discuss different forms of primate social organisation. **15**

(c) Discuss with suitable examples the typo-technological problems in Indian palaeolithic industry with reference to environmental hypotheses. **15**

3. (a) Discuss how the rules of descent contradict the principles

of residence in matrilineal society, mentioning suitable examples?

20

(b) Enumerate the evidence of animal domestication in Indian microlithic industry.

15

(c) Should we still distinguish between 'classic' and 'progressive' Neanderthals? Discuss the controversy surrounding Neanderthal's position in human evolution.

15

4. (a) Why Heath and Carter used anthropometric measurements instead of photographs of an individual to assess the somatotype? Elaborate their method.

20

(b) Discuss the historical and cultural contexts that led to superseding ethnocentrism with cultural relativism in anthropology.

15

(c) Critically examine various anthropological interpretations about the Kula Ring.

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SECTION-B

5. Write notes on the following in about 150 words each:

domestic group.

(a) Balanced and transient genetic polymorphism.

(b) Genetic imprinting in human diseases.

(c) Stages of human pre-natal development.

(d) Shaman, sorcerer and medicine man.

(e) Household and

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6. (a) Discuss the mechanism of social control in different kinds of political systems.

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(b) What is meant by health? Is the burden of life style diseases on the rise? Justify your answer with suitable examples.

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(c) Critically evaluate the reasons of reduction in age at menarche in human females over the successive generations.

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7. (a) Discuss the role of evolutionary forces in creating human diversity.

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(b) Write the historical development of field work tradition in anthropology till recent times.

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(c) Discuss the approaches of Leslie White, Julian Steward and Marshall Sahlins in the light of cultural evolution.

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8. (a) Discuss the contemporary population problems in the light of various socio- cultural demographic theories.

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(b) What do you understand by blood group systems? How is HLA system different from those based on red cell antigens?

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(c) Discuss how anthropological knowledge of the human body may be used in designing equipments and articles of human use.

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PAPER-II

SECTION-A

1. Write short notes on the following in about 150 words each: **10×5 = 50**

   (a) Pit-dwellers of Kashmir. **10**

   (b) Varna and Buddhism. **10**

   (c) Dharma versus Religion. **10**

   (d) Safeguards for linguistic minorities in India. **10**

   (e) Westernisation and Modernisation.

2. (a) Illustrate the contribution of Irawati Karve to Indian Anthropology. Make a special mention of her literary contribution. **20**

   (b) What are the arguments for excluding Narmada Man from Homo erectus category? **15**

   (c) Critically describe Dr. B. R. Ambedkar's argument on the origin of Indian caste system. **15**

3. (a) Make a critical appraisal of Megalithic tradition in India with special reference to North-East India. **20**

   (b) Assess the contributions of S. C. Dube in Indian village studies. **15**

(c) Describe the methods adopted by Sir Herbert Hope Risley in classifying Indian populations. What are the criticisms against Risley's classification?

15

4. (a) "Globalisation, on one hand has provided opportunities and on the other hand thrown challenges to Indian villages." Elucidate.

20

(b) Describe briefly the proto-history of Gujarat. Discuss the significance of Gujarat proto-history in international trade.

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(c) Critically examine 'Indigenisation of Christianity' in India.

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SECTION-B

5. Write short notes on the following in about 150 words each:

10 × 5 = 50

(a) Regionalism as an opportunity and threat to national integration.

10

(b) Issues of tribal agricultural labourers.

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(c) Major problems of nomadic and semi- nomadic groups.

10

(d) Role of the Governor in the Fifth Schedule areas.

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(e) Austroasiatic languages.

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6. (a) Discuss the objectives of Integrated Tribal Development Projects (ITDPs). How far have these objectives been achieved?

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(b) Compare the functioning of traditional Tribal Council' with that of 'Gram Sabha' under PESA.

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(c) Explain how British policies impacted the major resources of the tribals.

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7. (a) Discuss the views of G. S. Ghurye and Verrier Elwin on the approach towards tribal populations. What are the policies of the Government of India towards Indian tribal populations?

20

(b) Discuss the issues and solutions related to the Scheduled Caste and the Scheduled Tribe populations in India.

15

(c) Explain the social and religious consequences of contact between tribal and non-tribal populations.

15

8. (a) Compare the nature of tribal movements between North-East and Central India. Briefly mention the current status of existing tribal movements in these areas.

20

(b) Briefly describe the anthropological perspective on development. How have anthropologists contributed in India's rural development?

15

(c) How can a balance be struck between. livelihood concern and environmental degradation in the context of shifting cultivation?

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PAPER-I

SECTION-A

1. Write notes on the following in about 150 words each:

10×5 = 50

(a) Scope and relevance of Social and Cultural Anthropology.

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(b) Cultural impact of Iron Age.

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(c) Race and Ethnicity.

10

(d) Customary laws and Environmental conservation.

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(e) Gene expression.

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2. (a) Discuss major species of Australopithecus discovered from South and East Africa. Describe the discovery, physical features and significance of Taung baby.

20

(b) Discuss the Paleolithic environment in light of available evidences with special reference to India.

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(c) Elucidate the different forms of malnutrition. Describe protein-calorie malnutrition with suitable examples.

15

3. (a) What is hominization process? Discuss the major trends in human evolution with the help of suitable examples and illustrations.

20

(b) How did Clifford Geertz look at religion? Differentiate between anthropological and psychological approaches to the study of religion.

15

(c) What is mixed-longitudinal method of studying human growth? Discuss its merits and demerits.

15

4. (a) Discuss the role of marriage regulations in traditional societies in India for strengthening social solidarity..

20

(b) Discuss various methods of personal identification based on skeletal remains.

15

(c) Identify the major Mesolithic sites and describe the typo-technological features with special reference to India

15

SECTION-B

5. Write notes on the following in about 150 words each:

10 × 5 = 50

(a) Polygenic Inheritance. **10**

(b) Prehistoric significance of Rakhigarhi. **10**

(c) Glottochronology. **10**

(d) Menopausal symptoms. **10**

(e) William Ogburn and Cultural lag.

6. (a) Critically discuss the controversies related to fieldwork of Bronislaw Malinowski and Margaret Mead.

20

(b) Discuss the impact of globalization on the economic systems of indigenous communities..

15

(c) Describe the practical applications of DNA technology in the current scenario..

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7. (a) Describe various methods of qualitative data analysis. Highlight some popular computer softwares used in qualitative analysis.

20

(b) What assumptions must be met for a population to be in genetic equilibrium? Explain the importance of genetic equilibrium.

15

(c) Discuss political and methodological aspects of national character studies. Elucidate the contemporary relevance of such studies.

15

8. (a) Critically examine Arjun Appadurai's conceptualization of global cultural economy.

20

(b) Describe the causes of structural abnormalities of chromosomes with suitable examples.

15

(c) Critically discuss A.L. Kroeber's contribution to kinship studies.

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PAPER-II

SECTION-A

1. Write short notes on the following in about 150 words each: **10×5 = 50**

   (a) Material culture and archaeology. **10**

   (b) Interface between Purushartha and Ashrama. **10**

   (c) Jajmani system: continuity and change. **10**

   (d) Prehistoric rock arts from Uttarakhand. **10**

   (e) Religious pluralism and social solidarity.

2. (a) "Tribes are backward Hindus." Critically comment with reference to the contributions of G. S. Ghurye. **20**

   (b) "Indus Valley was the first settlement of the big civilization." Comment critically. **15**

   (c) Discuss the basic tenets of Jainism and its impact on Indian society. **15**

3. (a) "Sanskritization is a culture-bound concept." Critically comment to assess the strength and limitation of this concept in developing a theoretical framework to study social change. **20**

   (b) Was Mesolithic culture the first step towards sedentary way of life? Illustrate your answer by citing suitable examples.

(c) Critically examine the impact of modern democratic institutions on contemporary tribal societies. Illustrate with suitable ethnographic examples.

15

4. (a) Elucidate the problems faced by Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups and the major challenges in the formulation of special programmes for their development.

20

(b) Critically compare Risley's and Sarkar's approaches to the classification of peoples of India.

15

(c) Is caste mobility a recent phenomenon? Discuss in the light of Indological and Empirical context.

15

SECTION-B

5. Write short notes on the following in about 150 words each:

10 × 5 = 50

(a) Scheduled areas.

10

(b) Ramapithecus-Sivapithecus debate.

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(c) Village as little republic

10

(d) Dravidian languages and their subgroups.

10

(e) Karma and Rebirth.

10

6. (a) Is annihilation of caste possible? Discuss the future of caste system in the light of various proactive measures taken by the Indian State.

20

(b) Distinguishing between ethnic identity and ethnicity, discuss the factors responsible for ethnic conflict in tribal areas.

15

(c) "Siwalik deposits show a variety of Neogene fossil primates." Critically examine.

15

7. (a) Elucidate the shifting terrains of India's tribal policies in colonial and post-colonial periods.

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(b) Critically examine how the displacement of tribal communities due to hydroelectric river dam projects has affected the women in local context. Illustrate with suitable ethnographic examples.

15

(c) Elucidate the role of anthropology in nation building. Illustrate with suitable examples.

15

8. (a) Discuss the distribution of tribes in different geographical regions of India. Identify the distinct institutional features of tribal societies of these regions.

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(b) Critically evaluate the contributions of S. C. Roy to Indian anthropology.

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(c) How are Other Backward Classes identified? Enumerating the important features, elucidate the recent changes in their social and economic life.

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PAPER-I

SECTION-A

1. Write notes on the following in about 150 words each: 10×5=50

(a) Attributes of culture

(b) Harappan maritime trade

(c) Critical perspective on avoidance and joking relationship

(d) Lethal and sublethal genes

(e) Hemoglobin in health and disease

2. (a)Discuss historical particularism as a critical development to the classical evolutionism. 20 Marks

(b)Describe the evidences of food production and domestication of animals with special reference to Mehrgarh. Throw light on its significance. 15 Marks

(c)Critically comment on the lifestyle diseases and their impact on human health. 15 Marks

3. (a)What is meant by karyotype? How does its analysis help in diagnosis of the chromosomal aberrations in man? 20 Marks

(b)Define urbanization and discuss its impact on family in India with examples. 15 Marks

(c)Discuss the contemporary challenges in fieldwork method in anthropological research. 15 Marks

4. (a)Critically discuss the characteristics of the psychological types in the cultures of the American South-West as observed by Ruth Benedict. 20 Marks

(b)Discuss the Acheulian and Oldowan traditions of Indian Paleolithic cultures with suitable illustrations. 15 Marks

(c)What is genetic counselling? Briefly discuss various steps involved in it. 15 Marks

SECTION-B

5. Write notes on the following in about 150 words each: 10×5=50

(a)Chronometric dating

(b) Cultural relevance of the Kula

(c)Heritability and its estimation

(d)Authority and forms of political organization

(e) Single-gene mutation disorders in man

6. (a)Discuss the geographical distribution of Homo erectus. Taking into account its physical features, where does it fit in human evolutionary line? 20 Marks

(b)Discuss the applications of forensic anthropology with suitable examples. 15 Marks

(c)How does Lévi-Strauss look at the Tsimshian myth of Asdiwal? Critically discuss Lévi-Strauss' theory of structuralism in the light of his study of mythologies. 15 Marks

7. (a)Critically explain the notion of 'deconstruction' in the light of the postmodern works of Jacques Derrida. 20 Marks

(b)What is a multifactorial trait? Illustrate your answer with suitable human examples. 15 Marks

(c)Discuss the applicability of various sampling techniques in selecting the study group. 15 Marks

8. (a)Examine critically the concept of social stratification as a basis for sustaining social inequality. 20 Marks

(b)Describe the genetics and inheritance patterns of the ABO and Rh blood groups in man. 15 Marks

(c)Critically discuss the synergistic effect of biological and cultural factors in human evolution. 15 Marks

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PAPER-II

SECTION-A

1.Write notes on the following in about 150 words each: 10×5=50

(a)Digitisation of rural economy 10 Marks

(b)Origin of State Societies 10 Marks

(c)Syro-Malabar Christians 10 Marks

(d)Artisan tribes of Jharkhand 10 Marks

(e)Causes of stunting and wasting among tribal children 10 Marks

2. (a)Critically discuss the recent welfare measures initiated by the Government for the Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTGs). Comment why PVTGs were erroneously called Primitive Tribal Groups (PTGs). 20 Marks

(b)How is PESA Act empowering local self-governance and impacting women's political participation? 15 Marks

(c)Deconstruct the colonial history of Indian Anthropology highlighting the critical role played by the Indian Anthropologists in sustaining its autonomy. 15 Marks

3. (a)Critically describe evidences from Rakhi Garhi and its linkages to Harappan civilization. 20 Marks

(b)Compare and contrast the approaches of M.N. Srinivas and L.P. Vidyarthi to social change in village India. 15 Marks

(c)Examine the impact of Forest Policies from 1878 to 2006 on land alienation and deprivation of rights of tribal communities in India. 15 Marks

4. (a)What are the ethical concerns in biological and socio-cultural anthropology because of recent advances in AI and genetic research? 20 Marks

(b)Write an essay on the life history of tribal activist and freedom fighter Birsa Munda. What was the impact of his sacrifice on tribal society? 15 Marks

(c)What are the demographic challenges of India's changing population dynamics in the next 50 years? 15 Marks

SECTION-B

5.Write notes on the following in about 150 words each: 10×5=50

(a)B.K. Roy Burman's concept of 'Buffer Zone' 10 Marks

(b)Describe ILO's Convention No. 169 (1989) on Indigenous and Tribal people. Is India a signatory to it? 10 Marks

(c)Agricultural practices of the Apatani 10 Marks

(d)Status of Sixth Schedule Areas 10 Marks

(e)Constitutional Safeguards for Backward Classes 10 Marks

6. (a)Custodians of natural resources are the tribals, but they are the most deprived. Critically examine how climate change will impact their survival in future. 20 Marks

(b)Elucidate the difference between secularism, religiosity, religious fundamentalism and

spiritualism from an anthropological perspective. 15 Marks

(c)Discuss the contribution of P.K. Bhowmick in decriminalising the status of the Lodha tribe. 15 Marks

7. (a)Critically examine existing paradigms of holistic health for the marginalised sections of society drawing inferences from COVID-19 pandemic. 20 Marks

(b)Discuss the theories on origin of caste system and its criticism in India. Differentiate between caste, class and race. 15 Marks

(c)Elucidate the resurgence of ethno-nationalism from an anthropological lens. 15 Marks

8. (a)Describe the important Paleolithic sites from South India with suitable examples. What is the significance of South Indian Paleolithic cultures? 20 Marks

(b)Distinguish a "Theocratic State' from a secular, liberal, democratic state. Illustrate your answer with examples from tribal and contemporary societies. 15 Marks

(c)Discuss the economic, social and developmental impacts on tribal communities with special reference to mining. 15 Marks

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