

Anthropology Paper I

Time Allowed: Three Hours | Maximum Marks: 250

Question Paper Specific Instructions

- There are EIGHT questions divided in TWO SECTIONS and printed both in HINDI and in ENGLISH.
- Candidate has to attempt FIVE questions in all.
- Questions no. 1 and 5 are compulsory and out of the remaining, any THREE are to be attempted choosing at least ONE question from each section.
- The number of marks carried by a question/part is indicated against it.
- Word limit in questions, wherever specified, should be adhered to.

SECTION A

1	Write notes on the following in about 150 words each:	50
1(a)	Scope and relevance of Social and Cultural Anthropology	10
1(b)	Cultural impact of Iron Age	10
1(c)	Race and Ethnicity	10
1(d)	Customary laws and Environmental conservation	10
1(e)	Gene expression	10
2(a)	Discuss major species of Australopithecus discovered from South and East Africa. Describe the discovery, physical features and significance of Taung baby.	20
2(b)	Discuss the Paleolithic environment in light of available evidences with special reference to India.	15
2(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
3(b)	How did Clifford Geertz look at religion? Differentiate between anthropological and psychological approaches to the study of religion.	15
3(c)	What is mixed-longitudinal method of studying human growth? Discuss its merits and demerits.	15

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| 4(a) | Discuss the role of marriage regulations in traditional societies in India for strengthening social solidarity. | 20 |
| 4(b) | Discuss various methods of personal identification based on skeletal remains. | 15 |
| 4(c) | Identify the major Mesolithic sites and describe the typo-technological features with special reference to India. | 15 |

SECTION B

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| 5 | Write notes on the following in about 150 words each: | 50 |
| 5(a) | Polygenic Inheritance | 10 |
| 5(b) | Prehistoric significance of Rakhigarhi | 10 |
| 5(c) | Glottochronology | 10 |
| 5(d) | Menopausal symptoms | 10 |
| 5(e) | William Ogburn and Cultural lag | 10 |
| 6(a) | Critically discuss the controversies related to fieldwork of Bronislaw Malinowski and Margaret Mead. | 20 |
| 6(b) | Discuss the impact of globalization on the economic systems of indigenous communities. | 15 |
| 6(c) | Describe the practical applications of DNA technology in the current scenario. | 15 |
| 7(a) | Describe various methods of qualitative data analysis. Highlight some popular computer softwares used in qualitative analysis. | 20 |
| 7(b) | What assumptions must be met for a population to be in genetic equilibrium? Explain the importance of genetic equilibrium. | 15 |
| 7(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 |
| 8(b) | Describe the causes of structural abnormalities of chromosomes with suitable examples. | 15 |
| 8(c) | Critically discuss A.L. Kroeber's contribution to kinship studies. | 15 |

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