

Anthropology Paper II

Time Allowed: Three Hours | Maximum Marks: 250

Question Paper Specific Instructions

- There are EIGHT questions divided in TWO SECTIONS.
- 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

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| 1 | Write short notes on the following in about 150 words each: | 50 |
| 1(a) | Digitisation of rural economy | 10 |
| 1(b) | Origin of State Societies | 10 |
| 1(c) | Syro-Malabar Christians | 10 |
| 1(d) | Artisan tribes of Jharkhand | 10 |
| 1(e) | Causes of stunting and wasting among tribal children | 10 |
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| 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 |
| 2(b) | How is PESA Act empowering local self-governance and impacting women's political participation? | 15 |
| 2(c) | Deconstruct the colonial history of Indian Anthropology highlighting the critical role played by the Indian Anthropologists in sustaining its autonomy. | 15 |
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| 3(a) | Critically describe evidences from Rakhi Garhi and its linkages to Harappan civilization. | 20 |
| 3(b) | Compare and contrast the approaches of M.N. Srinivas and L.P. Vidyarthi to social change in village India. | 15 |
| 3(c) | Examine the impact of Forest Policies from 1878 to 2006 on land alienation and deprivation of rights of tribal communities in India. | 15 |

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| 4(a) | What are the ethical concerns in biological and socio-cultural anthropology because of recent advances in AI and genetic research? | 20 |
| 4(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 |
| 4(c) | What are the demographic challenges of India's changing population dynamics in the next 50 years? | 15 |

SECTION B

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| 5 | Write short notes on the following in about 150 words each: | 50 |
| 5(a) | B.K. Roy Burman's concept of 'Buffer Zone' | 10 |
| 5(b) | Describe ILO's Convention No. 169 (1989) on Indigenous and Tribal people. Is India a signatory to it? | 10 |
| 5(c) | Agricultural practices of the Apatani | 10 |
| 5(d) | Status of Sixth Schedule Areas | 10 |
| 5(e) | Constitutional Safeguards for Backward Classes | 10 |
| 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 |
| 6(b) | Elucidate the difference between secularism, religiosity, religious fundamentalism and spiritualism from an anthropological perspective. | 15 |
| 6(c) | Discuss the contribution of P.K. Bhowmick in decriminalising the status of the Lodha tribe. | 15 |
| 7(a) | Critically examine existing paradigms of holistic health for the marginalised sections of society drawing inferences from COVID-19 pandemic. | 20 |
| 7(b) | Discuss the theories on origin of caste system and its criticism in India. Differentiate between caste, class and race. | 15 |
| 7(c) | Elucidate the resurgence of ethno-nationalism from an anthropological lens. | 15 |
| 8(a) | Describe the important Paleolithic sites from South India with suitable examples. What is the significance of South Indian Paleolithic cultures? | 20 |
| 8(b) | Distinguish a 'Theocratic State' from a secular, liberal, democratic state. Illustrate your answer with examples from tribal and contemporary societies. | 15 |
| 8(c) | Discuss the economic, social and developmental impacts on tribal communities with special reference to mining. | 15 |

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