

2017

ANTHROPOLOGY - PAPER-I

Time Allowed : 3 Hours

Full Marks : 200

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### GROUP A

Answer any three questions

- ✓ 1. Give an account of Darwinian Theory of organic evolution. Discuss the evolutionary biology with reference to the skull in the context of human evolution. Briefly enumerate the neutral theory of evolution 10+10+10
2. Define Primates. Give the general classification of primates with suitable examples. Give an account of the distributions and salient and distinguishing features of New World Monkey and Old World Monkey. State the distribution of Apes and discuss the distinguishing features of Asian and African ape 4+6+10+10
3. Discuss the utility of twin study in Anthropology. Enumerate the methods of twin study for understanding Heritability. Briefly state the limitations of twin study 10+10+10
4. Define genetic counseling and discuss the different steps of genetic counseling. Write a note on prenatal diagnosis emphasizing on amniocentesis, chorionic villus sampling and fetal circulation in maternal blood 10+10+10

### GROUP B

Answer any three questions

- ✓ 5. Define and state features of Culture and Civilization. Give an account of cultural relativism with suitable examples. 15+15
- ✓ 6. Define Anthropology of religion. Enumerate the approaches to the study of religion. 15+15
7. Discuss the relationship of peasants and agrarian society. Give an account of social organization of Indian agrarian society. 15+15
8. Discuss about the allied aspects of archaeology. Give an account of the microlithic culture of India with reference to tool typology and technology. 15+15

### GROUP C

- ✓ 9. Write short notes on any two of the following: 10+10
  - a) Phenomenological Anthropology
  - b) Difference between nuclear and mitochondrial genome
  - c) Theories of Human Origin
  - d) Central tendency

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### GROUP - A

Answer any three questions

1. Define Ethnoarchaeology and state its methods and approach. Give an account of the ethnoarchaeological studies in Indian context. 20+20
2. Give an account of the folklore and anthropology. Discuss the folklore elements in Indian culture. 20+20
3. Give an account of ethnic and geographical distribution of Indian Tribal population. 20+20
4. Enumerate briefly the theory of the origin of caste system. State the salient features of caste system in India. 20+20
5. Write short notes on any two of the followings: 20x2
  - (a) Factors influencing the fertility.
  - (b) Human Rights and Anthropology
  - (c) Bio medical anthropology
  - (d) Linguistic distribution of Indian tribes

### GROUP B

Answer any two questions

6. Give an account of contemporary classification of Indian population on the basis of ABO blood group and hemoglobin variants. 40
  7. Discuss contribution of tribal culture in Indian civilization. 40
  8. Give an account of the development of tribal forest policies in India. 40
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1. Define evolution. Discuss in brief modern synthetic theory of human evolution.
2. ✓ What is human genetics ? State characteristic features of autosomal, sex chromosomal, multifactorial and polygenic inheritance in man.
3. ✓ Define Growth. What are the differences between growth and development ? Discuss in brief different methods of human growth study.
4. ✓ What do you mean 'adaptation'. Write a short note on human adaptation in respect of hot and cold climate.

Group - BAnswer any three questions (All questions carry 30 marks)

5. ✓ Define marriage. Write a brief note on preferential and prescribed forms of marriage.
6. What is post modern anthropology, and how has it criticized traditional anthropology ?
7. ✓ Define religion. What are the differences between magic and religion. Write a short note on universality of religion.
8. ✓ What are research methods ? What are the differences between methods and methodology ? Write a brief note on participant observations.

Group - C9. Write short notes on any two of the following. (10x2=20 marks)

- (a) Hunter-gatherer society.
- ✓ (b) C<sup>14</sup> dating and its application on paleoanthropology.
- (c) Nutrition deficiency related diseases in man.
- ✓ (d) Relevance of biological anthropology in public health.

## ANTHROPOLOGY-PAPER-II

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Group-A

Answer any three questions

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1. Discuss in brief about different courses of development of social anthropology in India. 40.
2. Mention the Lower Paleolithic Culture Complexes in India. Discuss with suitable diagrams and sketches the geology and lower Paleolithic tool traditions of Sohan Valley. 15+25 =40.
3. Define Neolithic and state its salient features. Discuss in brief about the Neolithic cultures of India. 20+20 = 40.
4. Write Short Notes on any two of the following: 2X20 = 40.
- (a) Dominant Caste  
(b) Jajmani System  
(c) Harappan Religions
5. Mention the H. H. Risley's classification of Indian Population and discuss the major criticism of this classification. 40.

Group-B

Answer any two questions

6. Write a note on the significance of village studies in India. Discuss in brief on the major concepts that emerged out of these studies. 40.
7. Discuss about the contribution of social anthropology in the field of development. 40.
8. Discuss about different problems faced by the tribal communities of India. 40.

## ANTHROPOLOGY- PAPER- I

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## Group-A

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Answer any three questions (All questions carry 30 marks)

1. Discuss the development of Anthropology in India with special emphasis in post colonial India.
2. Describe the changes happened in human skeleton due to assumption of erect posture and bipedal locomotion with special emphasis on skull, vertebral column and pelvis.
3. Compare the distribution anatomical features and phylogenetic position of the classical and progressive neanderthal population with suitable example.
4. Define growth. Name the different stages of human growth with distinct characters of each stage. Name and explain the different factors responsible for human growth and development.
5. Write short notes on any two of the following.
  - (a) Forms of Marriage Payments.
  - (b) Palaeoanthropology as a conjunctive approach.
  - (c) Debate between substantivist and formalist.

## Group-B

Answer any three questions (All questions carry 30 marks)

6. Discuss the relationship between culture and civilisation with special emphasis on Redfield-Kroeber model.
7. Differentiate between the concept of functionalism and structural functionalism exemplifying from the empirical studies made by B. Malinowski and A. R. Radcliffe Brown.
8. State the characteristic features of primitive economy. Discuss the characteristic features of a tribal market with an empirical example known to you.
9. Define ecological anthropology. Mention the different approaches of studying ecological anthropology. Illustrate the concept of cultural ecology as suggested by Julian Steward.
10. Write short notes on any two of the following
  - (a) Anthropology and Post Modernism.
  - (b) Forensic Anthropology.
  - (c) Anthropology of gender

## Group-C

11. Write brief note on any two of the following. (10\*2= 20 marks)

- (a) Importance of field work in anthropology.
- (b) Role of religion in affluent society.
- (c) The concept of family as a social institution.

## ANTHROPOLOGY-PAPER II

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## Group-A

Answer any three questions

1. What are megalithic burials? Describe in brief different types of Megaliths found in India (8+32)
2. Village can be described as a structural and functional unit of Indian civilisation. Elucidate. (40)
3. What do you mean by fertility? Write in brief about factors affecting fertility. (8+32)
4. Describe the cultural profile of 'Iron Age' in Indian Civilization. (40)
5. Write short notes on any two of the following: (2x20)
  - (a) Contributions of M.N. Srinivas in Indian Anthropology.
  - (b) Narmada man
  - (c) Tribe-Caste continuum.
  - (d) Christians in India as a religious minority group.

## Group-B

Answer any two questions.

6. Write a note on 'impact of Market economy' on Indian villages. (40)
7. State the impact of urbanisation among the tribal communities in India with suitable examples. (40)
8. What do you mean by socio-cultural dimensions of human health? Write a brief note on 'political and economic influences on health'. (8+32)

# W.B.C.S. EXAMINATION-2014

Optional Paper

## ANTHROPOLOGY - PAPER I

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### Group-A

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Answer any three questions.

1. Briefly discuss the different types of numerical aberrations of chromosomes in man with the resultant syndromes and their characteristics. 12 + 20
2. Write down your ideas about Archaic Homo Sapiens. Describe one of the fossil-specimens of this category with its characteristics and phylogenetic status. 8+16+8
3. Classify the order Primate upto family level. Give at least three distinguishing features for each family along with three living examples and their geographical distributions. 32
4. Discuss the typologies and technologies of stone tool making and its gradual development from its emergence to Neolithic cultural age. 32
5. Discuss the different applications of Human Genetics within the scope of Biological Anthropology. 32

### Group-B

Answer any two questions.

6. Compare the theoretical approach of Radcliffe Brown and Claude Levi-Strauss in terms of structuralism. 32
7. What is Economic Anthropology ? Discuss its different approaches for studying societies known to Anthropologists. 8+24
8. What do you know about social stratification ? What kind of stratification system is Indian Caste System ? Discuss with reference to different approaches of studying caste-system of India. 8+24
9. What is Ethnography ? Discuss different ways of data collection with special reference to Participant Observation Method-its merits & demerits. 8+8+8
10. Write short notes on any two of the following :
  - (i) Application of GIS system in Archaeological Anthropology.
  - (ii) Anthropology of Gender.
  - (iii) Function of Religion.
  - (iv) Methodologies of Growth Study.
  - (v) Pleistocene Epoch.

## Group-C

**Answer any two questions.**

11. Art mobilier' is referred to

- (i) Home art (ii) Cave art (iii) Upper Palaeolithic Art forms (iv) None of the above. 2

12. Colour Blindness is a/an

- (i) Autosomal recessive trait (ii) Sex-chromosomal trait  
(iii) X-linked recessive trait (iv) None of the above. 2

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13. The name of the scholar attached with Interpretative Approach of Social-Cultural Anthropology is :

- (i) Clifford Geertz (ii) Mallinowski (iii) Levi-Strauss (iv) None of the above. 2

14. The Genealogical method was applied by Dr. Rivers among the

- (i) The Toda (ii) The Chenchu (iii) The Garo (iv) The Khasi. 2

**W.B.C.S. OPTIONAL (ANTHRO.) QUESTION PAPER 2014**

**ANTHROPOLOGY - PAPER II**

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**Group-A**

Answer **any three** questions.

1. Describe the township planning, art and architecture of Harappan sites mentioning its chronological ranges.
2. Why Neolithic period is mentioned as revolution ? Who mentioned such term ?
3. What is demography ? What are the demographic changes in urban and rural areas of West Bengal as revealed in the census data ?
4. What are the basis for the caste system in India ? What is Jajmani relations ?
5. Write short notes on **any two** of the following :  
(a) Ramapithecus (b) Proto-Australoid (c) Birbhanpur site (d) Pleistocene period.

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**Group-B**

Answer **any two** question

6. What are the major constitutional safeguards for the Scheduled tribes in India. Write on the provisions of 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> schedule.
7. What are the major influencing factors, for tribal transformation in India ?
8. What is ethnocentrism ? How tribal identity and solidarity is maintained ?
9. How anthropologists can contribute is development ?

**W.B.C.S. EXAMINATION-2013**

Optional Paper

**ANTHROPOLOGY - PAPER I**

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**Group-A**

Answer **any three** questions. 16 x 3

1. Discuss the concept of Evolutionary Biology with special reference to skull or vertebral column.
2. Name the polymorphic variations of Australopithecus. Mention their distribution. Write the morphological features of an Australopithecus species. Discuss the phylogenetic status of Australopithecus.
3. Give a comparison between Java man and the Cromagnon.
4. Discuss the differences between Asian apes and African apes. Give an example to each one of them.
5. Write what you know about the Upper Paleolithic cultural traditions in Europe.

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**Group-B**

Answer **any three** questions. 16 x 3

6. What is evolutionism ? Write the salient features unilinear evolutionism advocated by E B Tylor and L H Morgan.
7. Discuss the political anthropological approach to the study of political organization in preliterate societies. Is there any role of kinship and descent in maintaining political integration . Discuss with suitable illustration.
8. Discuss human variation with special reference to human hair.
9. Right what you know about socio-political movements. Discuss Revitalization movement with suitable example.
10. Write short notes on **any two** of the following :  
(i) Dendrochronology (ii) K-Ar (iii) Bergman's rule (iv) Use of Anthropometry (v) Australoid.

**Group-C**

Answer **any two** questions. 2 x 2

11. Geneology method was first invented by  
(a) R. Firth (b) V. Turner (c) M. Harris (d) W. H. R. Rivers.
12. Laurel-leaf point was made on  
(a) Stone (b) Wood (c) Bone (d) Metal
13. Harpoons were first invented during —— period  
(a) Middle Palaeolithic (b) Upper palaeolithic (c) Mesolithic (d) Neolithic.

## WBCS Examination [Main] -2013

Anthropology - Paper - II [Optional]

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### Group-A

Answer **any three** questions.

1. Discuss briefly the history and development of Anthropology in India. Examine how colonialism is related to Anthropology.
2. Define Cast-system. Discuss the functions of the cast system. Do you think that the cast system is breaking down in the present day situation ?
3. Discuss why sex-ratio and infant mortality are considered as two main areas of concern in the context of Indian population. Discuss the trend and implications of these two problems.
4. Critically discuss the trend of village study in India.
5. Write short notes on **any two** of the followings:  
(a) Sanskritization      (b) universalization      (c) Distribution-of Indus Valley Civilization      (d) Migration.

### Group-B

Answer **any two** question

1. Land and forest are the twin problems of the tribals. Discuss with suitable examples.
2. Is health the exclusive domain of medical science ? Discuss with suitable examples how socio-cultural factors may influence health and treatment.
3. What do you understand by Human Rights ? Discuss the role of Anthropology in promoting human rights in the context of women.

## PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

W.B.C.S (Executive) Examination-2012

ANTHROPOLOGY

PAPER-I

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### Group - A

Answer any three questions

1. Enumerate "Neanderthal problem" in relation to biological evolution of man.
2. Compare the physical features of 'old world' and 'new world' monkeys. Mention their distribution.
3. Briefly discuss the relations among different branches of anthropology. State how anthropological knowledge may help to administer a country.
4. Define kinship. Establish relations of Kinship with family and marriage.
5. Define political organization. -Briefly discuss the traditional political organization of a tribe known to you.

### GROUP - B

Answer any two questions.

6. Define race. Critically discuss whether the concept of race is still valid for understanding the human biology.
7. What is understood by the term fieldwork ? Elucidate different methods and techniques used by the anthropologists during fieldwork.

8. Write short notes on any two of the following.

- (A) Mesolithic cultures.
- (B) Human genetics.
- (C) Ethnography.
- (D) Social structure.
- (E) Population structure.

**PAPER-II**

**Time Allowed-3 Hours**

**Full Marks-100**

*All questions carry equal marks*

**Group - A**

Answer any three questions

1. Give an account of ethnic and geographical distribution of Indian Tribal population.

2. Define Neolithic. Which were the most relevant Neolithic changes? Briefly discuss about the Neolithic culture in India.

3. Discuss the impact of market economy on Indian villages.

4. Enumerate briefly the theory of the origin of caste system. State the salient features of caste system in India.

5. Write short notes on any two of the followings:

- (a) Jajmani system
- (b) soon Culture
- (c) Social inequality
- (d) Linguistic distribution of Indian tribes

**GROUP - B**

Answer any two questions

6. Define social structure and social organization. Write a short note on social structure and role.

7. Give an account of the tribal development efforts after Independence in India.

8. Give an account of the development of forest policy of the tribals.

**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

**W.B.C.S. (EXECUTIVE) EXAMINATION - 2011**

**ANTHROPOLOGY**

**PAPER I**

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**Group - A**

Answer any three questions

1. Discuss the important features of the Indis Valley Civilization. Discuss some of the important urban features of this civilization.
2. Discuss the salient features of Neolithic period. Examine why it is referred as "Neolithic Revolution".
3. Briefly discuss the scope and development of Anthropology. What are the main branches of Anthropology? Discuss their scope.
4. Write briefly on racial classification of human groups.
5. Write briefly on (a) Neanderthal (b) Cromagnon.

**Group-B**

Answer any two questions.

6. Write briefly on :  
(a) Social stratification. (b) Magic and religion.
7. What do you understand by sustainable development? Discuss the consequences if the development is not sustainable.
8. Write short notes on any two of the followings :  
(a) Marriage. (b) Mesolithic.  
(c) Advantage and limitations of questionnaire.  
(d) Advantage and limitations of participant observation.  
(e) Witchcraft.

## PAPER-II

Time Allowed - 3 Hours

Full Marks - 100

All questions carry equal marks

### Group-A

Answer any three questions.

1. What are the major criteria for studying demographic profile of India? Discuss the importance of demographic profile study in India.
2. Discuss the impact of Christianity on the tribal societies in India.
3. Give an account of tribal economy with its geographical distribution. Briefly discuss the changes brought about in tribal economy by modernization.
4. What are the criteria for defining civilization? Give a brief account of evolution of Indus Valley civilization
5. Write short notes on any two of the following.
  - (a) Constitutional safeguard for scheduled tribes.
  - (b) NGO and tribal development.
  - (c) Acheulian culture of India.
  - (d) Sanskritization

### Group-B

Answer any two questions.

6. Define the concept of ethnicity. Discuss contribution of anthropology for the understanding of ethnicity and political movement in India.
7. Give an account of the economy, society and polity of Indian culture as found in Rigveda.
8. Critically discuss rehabilitation problems faced by displaced Indian tribes due to hydro projects. Give specific example of any area known to you.

## PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

W.B.C.S. (EXECUTIVE) EXAMINATION - 2010

### ANTHROPOLOGY

#### PAPER I

Time Allowed - 3 Hours

Full Marks - 100

All questions carry equal marks

#### Group-A

Answer any three questions.

1. Define 'rules of descent'. Discuss the importance of 'rules of descent' for understanding social organisation.
2. Explain the methods used for resolution of conflict by the simple societies.
3. What are the important features of Indus Valley Civilization? Describe the trade and commerce as evidenced in Indus Valley Cultures.
4. Point out the characteristics biological features of human kind. Write about the consequences of bipedalism in man.
5. Write short notes on any two of the following :
  - (a) Java man
  - (b) Marriage
  - (c) Madrasian Culture
  - (d) Case study method
  - (e) Senesence

#### Group-B

Answer any two questions.

6. How and why democracy and economic development are related to each other. Explain.
7. Discuss the importance of socio-demographic studies in relation to Physical Anthropology. Give a brief account of the techniques to be used for collection of data on socio-demography during a short period of field work.
8. Point out important features of Iron Age in India. Discuss how iron influenced the life of people.

**PAPER-II**

*Time Allowed - 3 Hours*

*Full Marks - 100*

*All questions carry equal marks*

**Group-A**

Answer **any three** questions.

1. Discuss why neolithic culture is often referred as "Neolithic Revolution". Examine the important features of neolithic period in this context.

2. What is agrarian class structure? Discuss the agrarian class structure of an Indian village.

3. Define caste. Discuss the characteristic features of the Indian caste system.

4. What do you understand by **Jajmani** system? Examine the nature of economic interdependence under this system.

5. Write short notes on **any two** of the following :

- (a) Palaeolithic
- (b) Mesolithic
- (c) Contribution of tribal culture in Indian culture and civilization.
- (d) Some salient features of the Indus Valley Civilization.

**Group-B**

Answer **any two** questions.

6. Examine how forest policies have affected the tribals.

7. Discuss the distribution of tribal population in India. Indicate the importance of land and forest in tribal economy.

8. What do you understand by development? In the relationship between development and environment, adjustment is the need, but conflict is generally the outcome. Discuss.

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**W.B.C.S. (EXECUTIVE) EXAMINATION - 2009**

**ANTHROPOLOGY**

**PAPER I**

*Time Allowed - 3 Hours*

*Full Marks - 100*

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**Group-A**

Answer **any three** questions.

1. Define clan. Give an account of its function in tribal society.

2. State briefly the characteristics features of mousterian culture. Give a brief account of physical features and phylogenics position of the builders of mousterian culture.

3. Define Anthropology. What are its main branches? Bring out scope and relevance of those branches of Anthropology.

4. What are main ethnic groups of mankind? How many of them are represented by the autochthonous population of India? Give a brief account of their physical features and distribution.

5. What is meant by adolescent growth? Bring out the characteristic features of adolescent growth in human male and female.

**Group-B**

Answer **any two** questions.

6. Give a critical appraisal of biological consequences of population control and family welfare in human society.

7. Define economic Anthropology? Briefly discuss with suitable example in what way anthropological knowledge could be utilised to improve the present status of economic Anthropology in a rural society.

8. Write short notes on any two of the following :

- (a) Homo erectus pekinensis.
- (b) Social stratification.
- (c) Ethno medicine.
- (d) Gaussian (normal) distribution.
- (e) Twin study method.

**PAPER-II**

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**Group-A**

Answer **any three** questions.

1. Give an account of the economic characteristics of scheduled tribes in India.
2. Discuss salient features of Varna and Jati in Indian caste system with suitable examples.
3. Write a brief account of Neolithic culture in India.
4. Discuss Riley's racial classification of Indian population.
5. Write short notes on any two of the following :
  - (a) Birbahanpur
  - (b) Laterite
  - (c) O B C
  - (d) A B O Blood group

**Group-B**

Answer **any two** questions.

6. Describe briefly the social structure of a matrilinear tribe best known to you.
7. State briefly the constitutional safeguards for tribal population in India.
8. Discuss the salient features of the Soan and Madrasian cultures.

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**W.B.C.S. (EXECUTIVE) EXAMINATION - 2008**

**ANTHROPOLOGY**

**PAPER I**

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**Group-A**

Answer **any three** questions.

1. Give an account of importance of marriage institution in human society. Bring out consequences of impact of modern civilization on marriage institution.
2. Give a brief account of Brachycephals of Indian subcontinent with special reference to their distribution, origin and their physical characteristics.
3. Enumerate some characteristics of primates that distinguish them from other members of the mammalian group.
4. Define fertility and bring out its difference from fecundity. Give an account of bio-social factors responsible for differential fertility in man.
5. Give an account of different methodologies of growth studies. Bring out their merits and demerits.

**Group-B**

Answer **any two** questions.

6. What is meant by economic anthropology? Discuss in what way anthropological knowledge would be utilized to improve the present status of economic anthropology of rural society.

7. What is meant by Neolithic revolution? Give an account of characteristic features of it. Briefly describe salient features of Neolithic culture of Indian subcontinent.

8. Write short notes on **any two** of the following :

(a) Australopithecine, (b) Myths and rituals, (c) Major branches of human genetics, (d) Application of statistical principle in physical anthropology, (e) Ethnomedicine.

### PAPER-II

**Time Allowed - 3 Hours**

**Full Marks - 100**

*All questions carry equal marks.*

#### Group-A

Answer **any three** questions.

1. Classify the Indian population on the basis of language. Give suitable examples.
2. What is protohistory? Critically discuss the salient features of Indus Valley Civilization.
3. Define prehistory. Briefly describe the palaeolithic culture found in Soan valley.
4. Critically assess the impact of Buddhism in Indian society.
5. Write short notes on **any two** of the following :  
(a) Mesolithic period, (b) The Veda, (c) Demography, (d) Purushartha.

#### Group-B

Answer **any two** questions.

6. Compare 'development' with 'welfare'. Critically discuss the role of anthropology in rural development.
7. Briefly describe the factors that changed the agrarian society in post-independent India.
8. Briefly discuss the impact of democracy on a traditional tribal polity known to you.

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### W.B.C.S. (EXECUTIVE) EXAMINATION - 2007

### ANTHROPOLOGY

#### PAPER I

**Time Allowed - 3 Hours**

**Full Marks - 100**

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#### Group-A

Answer **any three** questions.

1. Enumerate the different methods of study Human Genetics with suitable examples. Discuss the inheritance pattern of any polymorphic genetics marker character of human with suitable pedigree.
2. Define culture and civilization. Discuss the relationship of social structure and social organization with Civilization.
3. Give an account of the concepts and methods of Ecological Anthropology. Discuss the role of Culture Ecology on sustainable development with suitable examples.
4. Define Homo erectus. Give an account of the distribution and salient features of Homo erectus fossil remains. Enumerate briefly the biological and cultural adaptations of Homo erectus.
5. Define growth and development with suitable examples. Enumerate different methodologies for growth studies. Briefly discuss the different factors affecting growth with suitable examples.

#### Group-B

Answer **any two** questions.

6. Write briefly on :  
(a) Advantages and limitations of observation.  
(b) Schedule and questionnaire (c) Case study.
7. Define fecundity and fertility. Give an account of the different bio-social factors which influence the fertility in human with suitable examples. Briefly state the role of differential fertility on demography.

8. Write short notes on *any two* of the following :

- (a) Family, (b) Somatotype, (c) Descriptive statistics (d) Social stratification, (e) Symbolism in religion and rituals.

### PAPER-II

*Time Allowed - 3 Hours*

*Full Marks - 100*

All questions carry equal marks

#### Group-A

Answer **any three** questions.

1. Discuss the Mesolithic Cultures in India.
2. Gives the linguistic distribution of tribe in Indian and mention their features.
3. Differentiate between varna and the caste system. Give the main characteristics of caste system?
4. Briefly discuss social organization of a village known to you?
5. Write short notes on *any two* of the following :
  - (a) Daojali Hading
  - (b) Impact of Christianity on Indian society.
  - (c) Impact of urbanization and industrialization on tribals
  - (d) Contemporary caste system in India.

#### Group-B

Answer **any two** questions.

6. Give the geographical distributions of Indus Valley Civilization and discuss its main features.
7. Name some eminent contributions to the study of Indian village system and also give the concept developed by them.
8. Discuss any one tribal movement best known to you.

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### PAPER I

*Time Allowed - 3 Hours*

*Full Marks - 100*

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#### Group-A

Answer **any three** questions.

1. Define family. Discuss the characteristic features of the joint family. Discuss the recent changes in the joint family.
2. Write briefly on (a) advantages and limitations of observation (b) schedule and questionnaire (c) case-study method.
3. Discuss the scope of Anthropology. Briefly discuss its relationship with other social sciences. Do you think that the development of anthropology was connected with colonial interest?—Explain.
4. Discuss why neolithic culture is often referred as “Neolithic Revolution”. Examine the important features of neolithic period in this context.
5. Write short notes on *any two* of the following :
  - (a) Social control, (b) Cromagnon, (c) Mesolithic, (d) Barter and ceremonial exchange, (e) Witchcraft.

#### Group-B

Answer **any two** questions.

6. What is social stratification? Discuss the different elements of social stratification.
7. What do you understand by sustainable development? “In the relationship between development and environment, adjustment is the need, but conflict is generally the outcome.”—Examine.

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EXAMINATION - 2005

Anthropology Paper-I

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Group - A

Answer any three questions

1. Locate the distribution of fossil findings of Australopithecus and mention its different polymorphic species. Discuss its phylogenetic status in hominid origin.

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2. Point out the major racial traits used in understanding population variation. What would you consider in choosing an appropriate racial criterion for determination of population variation ?

3. Mention two major lower palaeolithic cultures in India. Give a comparative account of those two lithic cultures.

4. Delineate the changes in family In Indian society due to urbanization.

5. Discuss elaborately the merits and limitations of questionnaire method.

Group - B

Answer any two questions.

6. Explain whether developmental projects are inimical or not for tribal societies. Argue for your case.

7. Fertility in a logical phenomenon and its determinants are essentially socio-cultural — Explain.

8. Discuss the role of witchcraft in primitive society with special reference to the zande.

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EXAMINATION - 2005

Anthropology Paper-II

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Full Marks-100

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Group - A

Answer any three questions

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1. Give a brief account of the lower palaeolithic culture of India.
2. Briefly outline the distribution of the linguistic divisions of Indian
3. Discuss the theories of the origin of caste system in India.
4. "Contributions of anthropology in understanding political movements of the tribes of India" — enlist and analyse.
5. Write short notes on any two of the following :
  - (a) Genetic variability of the tribes of India.
  - (b) colour blindness.
  - (c) Abnormal haemoglobin in Indian tribes.
  - (d) Jajmani system.
  - (e) Consanguineous marriages.

Group - B

Answer any two questions.

6. Write about the village organisation of the tribes of India.
7. "Social, economic and political status of the religious minorities of India.
8. Impact of Christianity on the life-ways of tribal populations of India.

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EXAMINATION - 2004

Anthropology Paper-I

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Group - A

Answer any three questions

1. With the assumption of erect posture and bipedalism, many anatomical changes took place in the ancestor of man. Indicate only the major changes that occurred in the vertebral column, pelvis, lower limbs, and feet.
2. Explain how the environmental factors affect the human growth rate. What is catch-up of compensatory growth ?
3. Describe briefly the salient features of Upper Palaeolithic cultures. Were there any new developments during the Upper Palaeolithic Period ?
4. What is religion ? Why are religious beliefs and practices found in all known societies ? Give reasons. How does magic differ from religion ?
5. Write short notes on any two of the following :
  - (a) The concept of culture
  - (b) Food collection in hunter-gatherer stage
  - (c) Mutation
  - (d) A<sub>1</sub>, A<sub>2</sub> BO blood groups
  - (e) Cranial capacity.

Group - B

Answer any two questions.

6. Give a brief account of Malthusian Theory of population. Is it acceptable ? Discuss.
7. Give an outline of Sheldon's system of classification of human physique by external body form.
8. Write short notes on any two of the following :
  - (a) Census
  - (b) Population Pyramid
  - (c) Diffusion and Acculturation
  - (d) Division of labour
  - (e) Pastoralism.

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EXAMINATION - 2004

Anthropology Paper-II

Time Allowed-3 Hours

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Group - A

Answer any three questions

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1. Write a brief account of mesolithic culture in India.
2. Discuss salient features of Indian caste system with suitable examples.
3. Give an account of geographical distribution of scheduled tribes of India.
4. State briefly the constitutional safe-guards for tribal population in India.
5. Write short notes on any two of the following :-
  - (a) Burzahom
  - (b) Chalcolithic culture
  - (c) Sanskritization
  - (d) ABO blood group
  - (e) Tribe-caste continuum.

Group - B

Answer any two questions.

6. What are the basic issues in tribal development ? Discuss briefly.
7. Describe briefly the social structure of a patrilineal tribe best known to you.
8. Discuss the salient features of the Lower Palaeolithic culture complex of Indian sub-continent.

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EXAMINATION - 2003

Anthropology Paper-I

Time Allowed-3 Hours

Full Marks-100

All questions carry equal marks

Group - A

Answer any three questions

1. Describe the important biological changes that brought about evolution of man.
2. What are the characteristic feature of Neolithic culture ? Point out the consequences of Neolithic revolution.
3. Discuss the Nes Marxist contributions to the Theory of Culture change.
4. Give an account of the distribution, consumption and exchange in the Trobriand islands.
5. Point out the factors responsible for physical variation from one human group to the other.

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Group - B

Answer any two questions.

6. Explain how far economic value of children influences fertility.
7. Elu date the role of ethnicity in the concept of nation state. Illustrate your answer with suitable examples.
8. Explain the importance of Anthropology of religion in the global context.

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EXAMINATION - 2003

Anthropology Paper-II

Time Allowed-3 Hours

Full Marks-100

All questions carry equal marks

Group - A

Answer any three questions

1. Give a brief account of the neolithic culture in India.
2. Discuss the distribution of broad linguistic elements in the tribal population of India.
3. Give an outline of the basic structure of the Indian population.
4. Discuss the problem of displacement of the tribal population in response to development in India.
5. Write short notes on any two of the following :
  - (a) Vamasram,
  - (b) Jajmani system
  - (c) OAB blood groups
  - (d) Abnormal haemoglobin
  - (e) Emergence of ethnicity.

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Group - B

Answer any two questions.

6. Genetic variability of the tribal population of India.
7. Discuss the contribution of Anthropology in understanding ethnic movements in India.
8. Briefly discuss the contribution of tribal cultures on the development of Indian civilisation.

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EXAMINATION - 2002

Anthropology Paper-I

Time Allowed-3 Hours

Full Marks-100

All questions carry equal marks

Group - A

Answer any three questions

1. What are the biological features that enabled man to produce tool ? Correlate the development of biology with the advancement of culture.
2. What are the different methods of studying heredity ? Discuss their merits and limitations.
3. Describe the stratigraphic evidences on the basis of which pleistocene environment is reconstructed in the temperate regions.
4. What are the salient features of mesolithic culture ? Mesolithic reflects more an economy than the technology. Discuss.
5. Write short notes on any two of the following ;
  - (a) Recent theories of human origin
  - (b) Anthropoid Apes
  - (c) Neolithic revolution
  - (d) Genetic counselling
  - (e) Birth rate and death rate

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Group - B

Answer any two questions.

6. Briefly discuss the Concept of social stratification. Do you think that caste should be studied as an element of Indian civilization or as an aspect of social stratification ? Explain.
7. The spatial distribution of houses in a village often reflects the social cleavages in a society. Explain with examples. Also discuss how house type and settlement pattern may be influenced by environment.
8. Write short notes on any two of the following :
  - (a) Participant observation method its advantages and Limitations
  - (b) Culture and language
  - (c) Varna and Jati
  - (d) Acculturation and socialization
  - (e) Role of culture in personality formation.

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EXAMINATION - 2002

Anthropology Paper-II

Time Allowed-3 Hours

Full Marks-100

( Answer any five questions )

1. Critically discuss the trends of urbanization in India. Discuss the implications of growing importance of mega cities.
2. "Land and forest are the twin problems of the tribals". Explain with suitable examples.
3. What do you understand by agrarian class structure ? Discuss with suitable examples how land reforms and agricultural development may influence agrarian relations.
4. Health is not the exclusive domain of medical science. Explain with suitable examples the contribution of anthropology in this context.
5. Critically discuss the various structural constraints in the context of educational development of scheduled castes and scheduled tribes in India. Suggest suitable measures.
6. The Community Development Programme is not merely proving futile in its acclaimed goals, but is becoming harmful . Discuss the scope, objective and effects of Community Development Programmes in village India with suitable examples in this context.
7. Discuss the chronology, distribution pattern and techno-morphological characteristics of the Indian lower palaeolithic culture.

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8. Write notes on any two of the following :
  - (a) ABO blood groups among Indian tribes
  - (b) Town planning in Harrappa
  - (c) Neolithic sites in India
  - (d) Development and displacement
  - (e) Social disorganisation and urban poor.

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EXAMINATION - 2001

Anthropology Paper-I

Time Allowed-3 Hours

Full Marks-100

All questions carry equal marks

Group - A

Answer any three questions

1. Give a brief account of physical characteristics of the primates, Justify the inclusion of Man in that group.
2. Give an account of the normal chromosomal constraints in Man. Bring out the consequences of nondisjunctional games of parents involving sex chromosomes on their offspring.
3. Bring out the difference between race and racism. Give a brief account of the factors responsible for race formation in man.
4. Define family. Describe its major functions and bring out the role of family organisation in the contemporary society.
5. Write short notes on any two of the following.
  - i) Australopithecinae
  - ii) Autosomal dominant inheritance in man
  - iii) Polygamy and Polyandry
  - iv) Primitive Economy
  - v) ABO blood group as racial criteria.

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Group B

Answer any two questions

6. Bring out the characteristic features and tool types of the Mesolithic period.
7. What are the different methods used in Anthropology ? Give a critical appraisal of field method in Anthropological study.
8. Write short notes on any two of the following :-
  - i) Developmental Anthropology
  - ii) Caveart
  - iii) Megalithic monuments
  - iv)

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EXAMINATION - 2001

Anthropology Paper-II

Time Allowed-3 Hours

Full Marks-100

All questions carry equal marks

Group - A

Answer any three questions

1. Give a brief account of the different forms of marriage found in tribal India. Illustrate your answer with suitable examples.
2. Discuss the internal structure and function of dormitories present among the tribal people in India. Bring out its importance.
3. Define and classify tribal economy of India.
4. What do you understand by tribal Law? Answer with example from any one Indian tribe known to you.
5. Write short notes on any two of the following :—
  - (a) Acheulian in India
  - (b) Race and Caste
  - (c) Bongaism
  - (d) Tribal art
  - (e) Megalithic culture of South India.

Group B

Answer any two questions

6. Give an account of the current trends in tribal research in India.
7. Who are the backward classes? Discuss the role of anthropologists in identification and development of backward classes in India?
8. Write an essay on 'B.S. Guha's classification of peoples of India.'

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GROUP-A

Answer any three Questions :

1. Briefly discuss the concept of 'race' in Anthropology. Discuss about anthropological debates on 'race and racism'.  
Define 'polymorphic traits'. Discuss polymorphic traits with special reference to ABO Bloodgroup and its distribution.  
7+8+15
2. What do you mean by 'hominization process' ? What evolutionary changes occurred in human pelvic girdle and hind limbs in the process of evolution ? Why do you think the Spatio-temporal expansion of Homo erectus was more than the Australopithecus ?  
10+10+10
3. Briefly enumerate the application of Human Genetics with Special reference to forensic anthropology.  
How the knowledge of Osteology is used in determination of age and sex of cranial Skeleton.  
Dermatoglyphics is used in personal identifications — illustrate.  
10+12+8
4. Briefly discuss the concept of human adaptation and acclimatization.  
What adaptive changes occurred in human living in hot and cold climates and in high altitude regions of the world ?  
Briefly define Bergman's and Allen's Rule.

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GROUP-B

Answer any three Questions :

5. Critically evaluate anthropological theory of Evolutionism.  
What is ethnocentrism ?  
24+6
6. Define Political Anthropology. What do you understand by Political Movement ? Briefly enumerate the different types of socio-political movements. Elaborate one such movement. Define ethnicity.  
6+6+12+6
7. What is the scope of Economic Anthropology ? Briefly discuss on Reciprocity. Redistribution, and Market Exchange.  
What is Potlatch ? — discuss its significance.  
6+18+6
8. What is radiometric dating ? What are its advantages and disadvantages ?  
Write a brief account on Potassium-Argon dating technique.  
What are the characteristic features of Neolithic culture of India ?

GROUP-C

Write Short Notes on any two :

9. a) Linguistic Anthropology.
- b) Archaic Homo Sapiens.
- c) Stages of human growth.
- d) Colonialism and Anthropology.

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GROUP-A

Answer any three Questions :

1. Briefly state the 6th schedule. Give an account of ethnic, linguistic and economic distribution of tribal populations of India. 20+20
2. Define Jajmani systems. Enumerate briefly the theory of the origin of caste system. State the salient features of caste system in India. 10+15+15
3. Define Demography and state its relationship with Anthropological demography. Enumerate the different factors that affect fertility. Assume the total population of females of age group 20-24 was 35000 in 2007 in a city. The women of the same age group gave birth to 2500 babies in the same year. Calculate age specific fertility rate (ASFR). 10+20+10
4. Make a critical appraisal of the ethnic classification made by H. H. Risley, B. S. Guha and S. S. Sarkar. Describe the distribution of Hb variants in Indian population. 30+10
5. Write Short Notes on any two of the following :
  - a) Constitutional provisions of SCs and STs in India.
  - b) Sacred complex.
  - c) Village studies in India.
  - d) Folklore and identity.20+20

GROUP-B

Answer any two Questions :

6. a) Enumerate the perspective of Biomedical Anthropology in the understanding of non-communicable diseases. 30+10  
b) What do you mean by critical Medical Anthropology ?
7. Give an account of the tribal development programmes in post Colonial India. 40
8. State the Mesolithic Cultural Phase in Middle Ganges Plain and adjoining regions of North-Central India. 40

