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B.A./B.Sc.
Sixth Semester
CORE – 14
ANTHROPOLOGY
Course Code: ANC 6.21
(Anthropology of India)

Total Mark: 70

Pass Mark: 28

Time: 3 hours

Answer five questions, taking one from each unit.

UNIT-I

1. Examine the analytical phase of anthropology in India. Highlight the shift in focus during this phase. 7+7=14
2. How do the historical and anthropological approaches complement each other in the study of Indian culture? 14

UNIT-II

3. What are the main theories proposed to explain about the origin of caste system in India? Discuss on the criticism of each theory. 8+6=14
4. (a) How do purusharthas define duties and responsibilities of individuals in Hindu society? 7
(b) Write a note on the difference between caste and varna in traditional Indian society. 7

UNIT-III

5. How did Christianisation contribute to the construction of new social identities especially among marginalized groups like Dalits and Adivasis? 14
6. Analyse how globalisation has impacted gender roles in Indian society especially in terms of education, employment, and family structure. 14

UNIT-IV

7. Critically examine the concept of westernisation as conceptualized by M. N. Srinivas. Analyse whether westernisation is a form of cultural dominance in India citing examples. 9+5=14
8. (a) Write short notes on the concept of parochialisation and universalisation. 7
- (b) How does dominant caste in India influence social dynamics and political power in India? 7

UNIT-V

9. How does the underrepresentation of scheduled castes (SCs), scheduled tribes (STs) and other backward castes (OBCs) in political institutions impact their rights and access to resources? 14
10. Write notes on the following: 7×2=14
- (a) Constitutional provisions or safeguards for the protection of scheduled tribes from exploitation by non-tribal communities.
- (b) Impact of caste-based discrimination on the economic and social mobility of STs, SCs and OBCs.
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