

2023
B.A./B.Sc.
Fourth Semester
CORE – 8
ANTHROPOLOGY
Course Code: ANC 4.11
(Theories of Culture & Society)

Total Mark: 70
Time: 3 hours

Pass Mark: 28

Answer five questions, taking one from each unit.

UNIT-I

1. Discuss on the salient features of evolutionism. Highlight on the contributions of British school of evolutionism. 7+7=14
2. Write short notes on the following: 7×2=14
 - (a) Synchronic and diachronic approach to the study of culture
 - (b) Role of “survivals” in the historical approach of evolutionists

UNIT-II

3. Discuss on the theoretical contributions of the prominent anthropologists from the British school of diffusionism. 14
4. What is meant by “criterion of form”? How is this principle used to prove or explain the process of diffusionism? 7+7=14

UNIT-III

5. Critically evaluate the theoretical work of Emile Durkheim’s theory of social integration citing appropriate examples. 14
6. Write short notes on the following: 7×2=14
 - (a) Bronislaw Malinowski’s theory of needs
 - (b) Durkheim’s explanation of mechanical and organic solidarity in types of human societies

UNIT-IV

7. Critically evaluate Margaret Mead's work on the influence of culture on personality formation and gender role. 14
8. Explain in detail the concept of basic personality structure. 14

UNIT-V

9. What do you mean by "interpretive approach to the study of culture"? Explain Clifford Geertz's description of the Balinese culture through his study of cockfight. 5+9=14
10. Write short notes on the following: 7×2=14
- (a) Symbolic anthropology
 - (b) Victor Turner's stand on emic and etic view of culture
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