

2024
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. How does L.H. Morgan's theoretical orientation of culture explain the dynamics of cultural evolution, kinship systems, and technological progress of man within a given society? 14
2. Discuss on the main contributions of E.B. Tylor to the field of Anthropology, particularly regarding his theoretical framework on cultural evolution. 14

UNIT-II

3. Define the concept of diffusionism. Critically evaluate the American diffusionists approach to cultural development. 4+10=14
4. (a) Why were British diffusionists referred to as Egyptologists? 7
(b) Write a short note on the historical approach of diffusionism school of thought. 7

UNIT-III

5. Critically examine how Bronislaw Malinowski's concept of function of culture influence his understanding of the relationship between social institutions and the needs of individuals in a society. 14
6. Examine Radcliffe-Brown's concept of social structures in maintaining social order and stability. 14

UNIT-IV

7. Analyse the important concepts introduced by Ruth Benedict and their significance for studying culture and personality in different cultures/ communities. 14
8. How did Cora Du Bois define and conceptualize the concept of modal personality? Highlight the core influences on her development of this concept. 7+7=14

UNIT-V

9. Explain how the symbolic element of rituals reflect the existing social structures in a society citing relevant examples. 14
10. Write short notes on the following: 7×2=14
- (a) Manifest and latent meaning of ritual
 - (b) Purity and pollution
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