

2024
B.A./B.Sc.
Second Semester
GENERIC ELECTIVE – 2
ANTHROPOLOGY
Course Code: ANG 2.11
(Fundamentals of Social Anthropology)

Total Mark: 70
Time: 3 hours

Pass Mark: 28

Answer five questions, taking one from each unit.

UNIT-I

1. Compare and contrast the American and British school of anthropology emphasizing on their key similarities and differences. Cite works of prominent anthropologists from both school in your answer. 14
2. One of anthropology's main goal is to understand the worldview of different cultures and societies through holistic, relativistic, and comparative perspective. Provide a comprehensive outline of these three perspectives and evaluate their significance in studying culture and society. 14

UNIT-II

3. Using example of your choice of any society, identify, and illustrate the nature, characteristics and components of social structure and organization of that society. 14
4. Define culture and mention any three main characteristics of culture. Assess the role of enculturation and acculturation in cultural continuity and change citing relevant example. 6+8=14

UNIT-III

5. Define endogamous and exogamous marriage. Using example of societies with endogamous and exogamous marriage rule, contrast the characteristic features of those societies. 4+10=14

6. What are consanguineal and affinal kinship? Evaluate the role of kinship as a fundamental organizing principle with respect to marriage, descent, and inheritance. 4+10=14

UNIT-IV

7. In every culture, religious belief deeply shapes the perception and experiences of phenomena around us. Such perception and experiences are subjective and differs from culture to culture. Given the differences, how should anthropology study the diverse religious beliefs under a unified disciplinary approach. 14
8. Write notes on the following: 7×2=14
- (a) Totemism
 - (b) Sorcerer and witch

UNIT-V

9. Examine the process and nature of socio-cultural change by carefully conducting a comparative analysis between simple and complex society economic activities. 14
10. What do you understand by consumption? Delineate the cultural factors that shapes behavioural pattern towards consumption using suitable examples. 4+10=14
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