

May 2025
M.Sc.
Second Semester
CORE – 06
ANTHROPOLOGY
Course Code: MANC 2.21
(Anthropological Theories)

Total Mark: 70

Pass Mark: 28

Time: 3 hours

Answer five questions, taking one from each unit.

UNIT-I

1. Discuss the theoretical approach of Goodenough in understanding cultural system through linguistic lens. 14
2. Explain how new ethnography incorporate or apply cognitive approach to the insider perspectives of culture. 14

UNIT-II

3. Critically examine the Victor Turner concept of social drama and its implication in the larger interpretative approach. 14
4. Explain how the concept of thick description as conceptualized by Clifford Geertz is different from the traditional ethnographic method in understanding cultural practices. 14

UNIT-III

5. Compare the theoretical approaches of Leslie White and Julian Steward with regard to the relationship between culture and environment. 14
6. Critically examine the Marvin Harris concept of sacred cow to explain his cultural materialism theoretical framework. 14

UNIT-IV

7. Examine the Jacques Derrida concept of deconstructionism. How does it reflect the core principles of post structuralism? 9+5=14

8. Explain Michel Foucault's idea of panopticism and its relation to his argument on the concept of power and knowledge. 14

UNIT-V

9. Critically examine the various forms of feminism and their role in addressing issues of gender inequality and underrepresentation of women and minority communities. 14
10. Write a note on each of the following: $7 \times 2 = 14$
- (a) Feminist anthropology and its goals
 - (b) Inclusive nature of the third and fourth wave of feminism
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