

May 2025
M.Sc.
Fourth Semester
DISCIPLINE SPECIFIC ELECTIVE – 03
ANTHROPOLOGY
Course Code: MAND 4.41 (A)
(Urban Anthropology)

Total Mark: 70

Pass Mark: 28

Time: 3 hours

Answer five questions, taking one from each unit.

UNIT-I

1. Define urban anthropology. Discuss the methodological approaches in urban anthropology and how they differ from methods used in traditional rural or tribal settings. 2+12=14
2. Explain the concept of urban ecology and how it helps in analysing the interaction between human population and urban environment. Support your answer with relevant theoretical perspectives. 14

UNIT-II

3. Discuss the concept of heterogeneity in urban society. How does it shape social relationships, identities, and institutions in complex urban settings, particularly in Indian cities? 4+10=14
4. Explain the concept of the folk-urban continuum and its relevance in understanding the transition from rural to urban societies. 14

UNIT-III

5. Evaluate the characteristic difference between administrative and mercantile city as proposed by Richard Fox. 14
6. What are city cultures? How does the Richard Fox's explanation of city cultures help one to understand the development of various types of cities? 4+10=14

UNIT-IV

7. Discuss the rise of cities and civilisations in India in relation to changing patterns of settlement, economy, and governance. 14
8. Evaluate the role of historical and cultural continuity in shaping modern Indian urban centres. Can pre-industrial urban traits still be seen in contemporary cities? Justify your answer with examples. 14

UNIT-V

9. Urban poverty and multiculturalism often intersect in Indian cities. Analyse how cultural diversity influences both the challenges and solutions related to urban poverty. 14
 10. Write a note on each of the following: 7×2=14
 - (a) Ideational and structural theories of poverty
 - (b) Ethnoscapes and transnationalism
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