

November 2025
M.Sc.
First Semester
CORE – 02
ANTHROPOLOGY
Course Code: MANC 1.21
(Fundamentals of Social & Cultural Anthropology)

Total Mark: 70

Pass Mark: 28

Time: 3 hours

Answer five questions, taking one from each unit.

UNIT-I

1. Critically examine the epistemological foundations leading to study of society in anthropology. 14
2. “Every ethnologist is an anthropologist but every anthropologist is not an ethnologist.” Explain the statement using appropriate examples. 14

UNIT-II

3. Analyse the core principles of classical evolutionary approach to culture. Why is it critiqued as a Eurocentric approach? 10+4=14
4. Taking the work of Benedict, illustrate how culture is reflected in the personality patterns of individuals. 14

UNIT-III

5. Evaluate the role of chiefdom and state as varying degrees of social complexity and authority distribution. 14
6. How do property relations reflect and reproduce power dynamics, gender roles, and social distinctions within a society’s economy? 14

UNIT-IV

7. How has Jung’s concept of the collective unconscious contributed to explain cultural universals in religion? 14

8. Explain in detail how E. E. Evans-Pritchard demonstrates that Azande magic and witchcraft serves both social and psychological purposes. 14

UNIT-V

9. Discuss in detail the various modes of communication found among human societies. Why is knowledge of communication system important for anthropologists? 8+6=14
10. Write a note on each of the following: 7×2=14
- (a) Social anthropology of public policy
 - (b) Role of anthropologists in development
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