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M.Sc.
Third Semester
DISCIPLINE SPECIFIC ELECTIVE – 01
ANTHROPOLOGY
Course Code: MAND 3.31 (A)
(Developmental Anthropology)

Total Mark: 70
Time: 3 hours

Pass Mark: 28

Answer five questions, taking one from each unit.

UNIT-I

1. What are the problems and shortcomings of conventional economic and political centric approaches to development? How has anthropology contributed to the reimagination of the concept of development? 14
2. Within the context of rapid globalisation and its accompanying tendency to dictate global developmental trajectory, what are the issues and challenges faced by indigenous communities in safeguarding their interests and aspirations? 14

UNIT-II

3. Discuss the significance of participatory development with regard to tribal development in India. How can it contribute to the holistic development of tribes in India? 7+7=14
4. After more than seven decades of India's independence and numerous developmental programmes to uplift them, tribals in India continues to face socio-economic and political problems. Identify some external and internal factors causing such problems and suggest some remedial measures to alleviate the problems. 14

UNIT-III

5. Discuss how sustainable development goals can be reconciled with the demands of rapid industrialisation and economic growth. Provide appropriate examples. 14
6. Critically examine the role of traditional ecological knowledge in shaping sustainable human development strategies. 14

UNIT-IV

7. Evaluate the socio-political impact of unchecked migration on developed societies citing relevant examples. 14
8. (a) How does overpopulation contribute to unemployment and social instability in developing nations? 7
(b) Discuss the long-term consequences of displacement on development and reconstruction. 7

UNIT-V

9. Examine the causes of economic disparities and social inequalities in Northeast India and how it shapes the developmental dynamics in the region. 14
10. Critically analyse the impact and consequences of India's Act East policy on the regional aspirations of the Northeastern states of India. 14