
MAAN

**Master of Arts (Anthropology)
First Year Courses (Compulsory)**

**Assignments
July 2024 and January 2025 sessions**

First Year

- MANI 001: Anthropology and Methods of Research
MANI002: Physical Anthropology
MAN001: Social Anthropology
MAN002: Archaeological Anthropology

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Dear Student

You must have gone through the Programme Guide for the Master's in Anthropology (MAAN) and noted that assignment for each course is compulsory. Each assignment has been prepared covering the entire course.

It will benefit you to write the answers in your own words as it gives more clarity. Another point which you should remember while answering is the word limit, it should be maintained. There are different types of questions in the assignment, long answers (20 marks) and short answers (10marks). The questions have been designed so that you are able to answer methodically and comprehensibly. It is advisable to consult your Academic Counselors in the Study Centres before Starting these assignments to clear any doubt or even if you wish to discuss your answers.

The Assignments are required to be submitted to the Coordinator of your Study Centre. Always keep the photocopy of the assignment submitted. Take an acknowledgement receipt for the assignment submitted and retain it.

The assignments would be returned back to you after evaluation. The Study Centre sends the marks to Students Evaluation Division at IGNOU and these marks would be entered to your grade card.

Guidelines for doing Assignments

It is worth keeping in mind the following points while attempting the Assignments:

Planning: Go through the assignments very carefully. Read the units on which they are based. Note important points regarding each question and then rearrange it in a logical order.

Organization: Be cautious, selective and analytical before drawing up a rough outline of your answer. In long answers, give adequate consideration to the introduction and conclusion. Introduction should have a brief understanding of the question and then how you intend to develop it. The conclusion should summarize the answer to your question. The answers should be sound, clear, within word limit and express your understanding of the subject.

Presentation: Once you are satisfied with your answer, you can write down the final version for submission; write each answer neatly and highlight/underline the points you wish to emphasize.

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Submission of Assignment

Before you take your Term End Examinations, it is compulsory to submit the assignment on the schedule mentioned. It is therefore advisable to follow the rules. A total of four assignments are required to be submitted in the first year. Attempt one assignment at a time. Plan in such a way that you complete the assignment of the course you have read. Submit the assignment at your study centre and get back the assignment with marks and comments of the Counselor, it will give idea of the preparation of that particular course. There is enough time, just plan to complete all the assignment on time. Proper planning and judicious execution is required to complete the work before last date.

Last Date of Submission of Assignment

For students of July 2024 Batch

March 31, 2025

For students of January 2025 Batch

September 30, 2025

The Assignment should be submitted to

The Coordinator of the Study Centre allotted to you

MANI-001: ANTHROPOLOGY AND METHODS OF RESEARCH
Tutor Marked Assignment (TMA)

Course Code: MANI-001
Assignment Code: MANI-001/ASST/TMA/2024-2025
Total Marks: 100

Note: Attempt a total of five questions. All questions carry equal marks. The word limit for 20 marks question is 500 words and for 10 marks question it is 250 words. Attempt at least two questions from each section.

SECTION A

1. Define anthropology and discuss human diversity and variation within its subject matter. 20
2. What is fieldwork? Discuss major fieldwork tradition in Anthropology. 20
3. Discuss the growth of applied anthropology. 20
4. Discuss the applications of genealogy and pedigree in anthropological studies. 20
5. Attempt any two of the following: 10+10
 - a. Ethnography
 - b. Hypothesis
 - c. Observation

SECTION B

6. Discuss interview and its types. 20
7. What are the different types of research design. 20
8. Discuss the relevance of statistical data in research. 20
9. Discuss primary and secondary data. 20
10. Attempt any two of the following: 10+10
 - a. Serology
 - b. Case Study
 - c. SPSS

Physical Anthropology (MANI 002)
TUTOR MARKED ASSIGNMENT (TMA)

Course Code: MANI 002
Assignment Code: MANI 002/AST/TMA/2024-25
Total Marks: 100

Note: There are two sections 'A' and 'B'. Attempt any five questions in total and at least two questions, from each section. All questions carry equal marks. The word limit for 20 marks question is 500 words and that of 10 marks is 250 words.

SECTION A

1. Define physical anthropology and discuss its historical background. 20
2. Enlist the major races in the world and discuss any one in detail. 20
3. Discuss Sheldon's method of somatotyping and its advantages and limitations. 20
4. Describe hominisation. 20
5. Define and differentiate between any two of the following: 10+10
 - a) Relevance of menarche and relevance of menopause
 - b) Consanguineous and non-consanguineous mating
 - c) Infectious diseases and non-infectious diseases

SECTION II

6. Critically discuss Darwinism. 20
7. What do you understand by applied physical anthropology? Discuss its applications in brief. 20
8. Describe the acclamatory adjustments of human beings in high altitude. 20
9. Briefly discuss different methods of human genetic study. 20
10. Write short notes on any two of the following: 10+10
 - a) Aim and scope of Physical Anthropology
 - b) Kinanthropometry
 - c) UNESCO Statement on Racial classification

Social Anthropology (MAN-001)
TUTOR MARKED ASSIGNMENT
(TMA)

Course Code: MAN 001

Assignment Code: MAN 001/AST/TMA/2024-25

Total Marks: 100

Note: There are two sections 'A' and 'B'. Attempt five questions and at least two questions from each section. All questions carry equal marks. The word limit for 20 marks is 500 words and for 10 marks is 250 words.

SECTION- A

1. Discuss how social anthropology developed as a subject. Deliberate on its scope and future perspectives. 20
2. Define kinship. Critically discuss the changing dynamics in kinship. 20
3. Discuss functionalism with reference to Malinowski's work. 20
4. Address how feminist theories have been used in anthropological works. 20
5. Write short notes: 10+10
 - a. Structural-Functional approach
 - b. Alliance theory

SECTION-B

6. Write a note on rituals and symbolism. 20
7. Give an overview of State and Stateless societies with suitable examples. 20
8. Discuss in brief the main theories in economic anthropology. 20
9. Discuss the traditional economic systems with examples. 20
10. Write short notes: 10+10
 - a. Sanskritisation
 - b. Types of marriages

ARCHAEOLOGICAL ANTHROPOLOGY (MAN-002)
TUTOR MARKED ASSIGNMENT
(TMA)

Course Code: MAN 002
Assignment Code: MAN 002/AST/TMA/2024-25
Total Marks: 100

Note: Attempt any five questions. Choose at least two questions from each section. All questions carry equal marks. The word limit for 20 marks is 500 words and for 10 marks is 250 words.

SECTION A

1. Define Archaeological Anthropology. Discuss briefly the main divisions of Archaeology. 20
2. What are the different basic tool making techniques? Describe in brief with suitable diagrams. 20
3. What is Palaeolithic art'. Discuss cave art with suitable examples. 20
4. Discuss briefly various methods of absolute dating in archaeological studies. 20
5. Write short notes on any two of the following: 10+10
 - a) Blade tool
 - b) Narmada Man
 - c) Robert Bruce Foote
 - d) Importance of Archaeology in Social Sciences

SECTION B

6. Briefly comment on the Lower Palaeolithic culture in India 20
7. What is civilization? Discuss various characteristic features of civilization with reference to Harappan culture. 20
8. What is Public Archaeology? Discuss the role of public archaeology in heritage management. 20
9. Megalithic is a living tradition among many Indian tribes. Elaborate your answer with examples from South India. 20
10. Write short notes on any two of the following: 10+10
 - a) Museum
 - b) Neolithic culture
 - c) Kayatha culture
 - d) Applied Archaeology