

**MAAN**

## **Masters in Anthropology Second Year Courses**

### **Assignments July 2015 and January 2016 sessions**

#### **Second Year**

#### **Compulsory Course**

MANI 003: Practicing Anthropology

#### **Optional Courses**

MANE 001: Human Genetics

MANE 002: Human Growth and Development

MANE 003: Comparative Ethnography

MANE 004: Gender and Society

MANE 005: Environmental 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 (10 marks). 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 expresses 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 three assignments are required to be submitted in the second 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 admitted in July 2015 Batch                      March 31, 2016**

**For students admitted in January 2016 Batch                      September 30, 2016**

**The Assignment should be submitted to**

**The Coordinator of the Study Centre allotted to you**

**Practicing Anthropology (MANI-003)**  
**Tutor Marked Assignment**  
**(TMA)**

Course Code: MANI-003  
Assignment Code: MANI-003/ASST/TMA/2015-16  
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 5 marks question it is 125 words. Attempt at least two questions from each section.**

**SECTION-A**

1. Provide a historical sketch from 1945 to the present to show how anthropology evolved from applied to practicing. 20
2. What is the meaning of development? Discuss the various perspectives and contributions provided by anthropologists to development. 20
3. What do you understand by ethics? What are the disputes in ethical usages? Discuss each thoroughly. 20
4. Name the theories of health and illness. Briefly examine each of them. 20
5. Write short notes on any four of the following: 4x5
  - a) Enlist some roles of practicing anthropologists.
  - b) Relationship between market and anthropology.
  - c) Theories of naturalistic causation.
  - d) Practice of design anthropometry by anthropologists.
  - e) Policy research in anthropology.

**SECTION-B**

6. What is kinanthropometry? What is the relevance and application of kinanthropometry? Discuss in detail. 20
7. Define forensic anthropology and its scope. Examine the significance of biometrics in it and briefly mention the kinds of biometrics in usage. 20
8. Write about the history of multimedia in anthropology. Elucidate how multimedia is used in practicing anthropology. 20
9. Name the research methods used by practicing anthropologists. Discuss in detail at least two of them. 20
10. Write short notes on four of the following: 4x5
  - a) Role of fingerprints in personal identification.
  - b) Genetic screening.
  - c) Disaster management and anthropology
  - d) Rapid Rural Appraisal versus Participatory Rural Appraisal.
  - e) Concept of genetic polymorphism.

# HUMAN GENETICS (MANE-001)

## Tutor Marked Assignment (TMA)

Course Code: MANE-001

Assignment Code: MANE-001/ASST/TMA/2015-16

Total Marks: 100

**Answer 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 Human Genetics. Briefly discuss different branches of Human Genetics. 20
2. What is Hardy-Weinberg equilibrium? Discuss various factors that influence Hardy-Weinberg equilibrium. 20
3. Describe the structure and features of DNA. 20
4. What are the different types of chromosomal aberrations? Discuss. 20
5. Write short notes on any two of the following in 250 words. 10+10
  - a) Molecular Genetics
  - b) Random Mating
  - c) Mitosis
  - d) Y-linked inheritance

### SECTION-B

6. What is DNA polymorphism? Discuss different forms of DNA Polymorphisms. 20
7. What is Genetic Epidemiology? Briefly discuss the methods of studying genetic epidemiology. 20
8. What is Human Genome Project? Examine any two applications of Human Genome Project. 20
9. Discuss briefly the Ethical, Legal and Social Issues (ELSI) in genetic research. 20
10. Write short notes on any two of the following in 250 words. 10+10
  - a) Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR)
  - b) Hap Map Project
  - c) Ethical principles in genetic research
  - d) Phenylketonuria (PKU)

**HUMAN GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT (MANE-002)**  
**TUTOR MARKED ASSIGNMENT**  
**(TMA)**

Course Code: MANE-002

Assignment Code: MANE 002/ASST/TMA/2015-16

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 20 marks. The word limit for 20 marks question is 500 words and that of 10 marks is 250 words.**

**SECTION-A**

1. Describe secular trend, its type and elaborate the factors underlying the secular trend. 20
2. Discuss the Hawthorne Effect. What is its role in longitudinal studies? 20
3. What is the significance of body composition in biological anthropology? 20
4. Define growth and development. Discuss the technological advancement and basic research concerning growth. 20
5. Define and differentiate between any two of the following: 10+10
  - a) Overnutrition and undernutrition
  - b) Longitudinal method and Cross sectional method of studying growth
  - c) Early childhood and Late childhood

**SECTION-B**

6. Explain the effects of ageing on cardiovascular and reproductive system. 20
7. What are the effects of genetic abnormalities on growth? 20
8. What methods are currently used for assessing nutritional status? 20
9. What is the purpose of studying somatotyping? Discuss its limitations. 20
10. Write short notes on any two of the following: 10+10
  - a) Non-Genetic factors of growth
  - b) Relationship between physique, disease and function
  - c) Imaging methods

**COMPARATIVE ETHNOGRAPHY (MANE-003)**  
**TUTOR MARKED ASSIGNMENT**  
**(TMA)**

Course Code: MANE-003

Assignment Code: MANE-003/ASST/TMA/2015-16

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. What is ethnographic writing? Discuss the new trends in ethnography. 10+10
2. Outline the various approaches in writing ethnography. Discuss the emergence of post modernists approach in writing ethnography. 10+10
3. Discuss David M. Schneider's work *American Kinship: A Cultural Account*. 20
4. Describe the intellectual context and the fieldwork approach of the ethnography *Notes on Love in a Tamil Family*. 10+10
5. Write short notes referring to the ethnographies discussed in the course: 10+10
  - a) *jajmani* and *hali* systems.
  - b) Family and kinship among the Kashmiri Pandits.

**SECTION-B**

6. Discuss the various aspects of the Ndembu rituals as described by Victor Turner. 20
7. Referring to the ethnography *Siva and her Sisters: Gender, Caste and Class in Rural South India* discuss the status of the Pallar women as described by Karin Kapadia. 20
8. Discuss the ethnography *The Meanings of Macho: Being a Man in Mexico City* and how it addresses the issue of masculinity. 20
9. Critically examine the Tolai economic system. Evaluate the response of the community to the development projects and its outcome. 20
10. Write short notes referring to the ethnographies discussed in the course: 10+10
  - a) *Gumsa* and *Gumlao* systems of the Kachins of Highland Burma.
  - b) Rites de Passage

**GENDER AND SOCIETY (MANE-004)**  
**TUTOR MARKED ASSIGNMENT**  
**(TMA)**

Course Code: MANE-004

Assignment Code: MANE-004/ASST/TMA/2015-2016

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, for 10 marks question it is 250 words and for 5 marks question it is 125 words. Attempt at least two questions from each section.**

**SECTION-A**

1. How would you define femininity and masculinity? Discuss femininity and masculinity from the perspective of sexuality, religion and culture. 20
2. Name the feminist theories available in the study of gender. Examine two of them analytically. 20
3. What do you understand by socialisation? Elaborate. Discuss two agents of socialisation which influence the social growth of a child. 20
4. Are gender roles observed in kinship? Elucidate your answer with gender roles practiced in both patrilineal and matrilineal societies. 20
5. Write short notes on any four of the following: 4x5
  - a. Gender Stratification
  - b. Black Feminism
  - c. Adolescent Bodies
  - d. Role of Peers in Socialisation
  - e. Judith Butler

**SECTION-B**

6. How are women discriminated in work spaces? Delineate critically. 20
7. Examine how gender is intersected with ethnicity. Discuss the stereotypes created due to it. 20
8. Discuss unwaged domestic labour critically with the help of examples. 20
9. Describe and differentiate between any two of the following: 10+10
  - a. Sex and Gender
  - b. Second wave and Third wave Feminism
  - c. Paid and Unpaid Labour
  - d. Women in Colonial and Post Colonial Periods.

**ENVIRONMENTAL ANTHROPOLOGY (MANE-005)**  
**TUTOR MARKED ASSIGNMENT**  
**(TMA)**

Course Code: MANE-005

Assignment Code: MANE-005/ASST/TMA/2015-16

Total Marks: 100

**Note: There are two sections 'A' and 'B'. Attempt any five questions, at least two 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. Discuss the aim and scope of ecological and environmental anthropology. 20
2. Define what culture and environment and briefly discuss the relationship between culture and environment from the perspective of anthropology. 20
3. Briefly discuss an overview of displacement due to development projects and its impact. 20
4. What is indigenous knowledge and discuss the relevance of indigenous environmental knowledge in contemporary times 20
5. Write short notes on any two of the following 10+10
  - a. Intellectual property rights
  - b. Relationship between tribals and forests
  - c. Ethno-ecology

**SECTION-B**

6. Briefly discuss the degradation of water and land resources and pollution due to anthropogenic activities. 20
7. What are the different types of agriculture? Discuss briefly 20
8. What do you understand by common property resources? Discuss its significance. 20
9. Define sustainable development and explain the nature of sustainable development in the third world. 20
10. Write short notes on any two of the: 10+10
  - a. Arid and Semi-arid Regions
  - b. Eco-feminism and Environment
  - c. Hunting and Foraging