

MAAN

**Masters in Anthropology
First Year Courses (Compulsory)**

**Assignments
July 2016 and January 2017 Sessions**

MANI 001: Anthropology and Methods of Research
MANI 002: Physical Anthropology
MAN 001 : Social Anthropology
MAN 002 : 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 (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 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 admitted in July 2016 Batch March 31, 2017

For students admitted in January 2017 Batch September 30, 2017

The Assignment should be submitted to

The Coordinator of the Study Centre allotted to you

ANTHROPOLOGY AND METHODS OF RESEARCH (MANI –001)
TUTOR MARKED ASSIGNMENT
(TMA)

Course Code: MANI-001
Assignment Code: MANI –001/ASST/TMA/2016-17
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. Define anthropology and briefly discuss the major branches of anthropology. 20
2. Describe about the fieldwork tradition in anthropology. 20
3. Explain in brief about the scientific and historical method in anthropology. 20
4. Distinguish between technique, method, and methodology. 20
5. Write short notes on any two of the following. 10+10
 - a) Historical method
 - b) Meaning of pedigree
 - c) Exploratory Research Design

SECTION-B

6. Discuss briefly the use of anthropological knowledge in the management and corporate world. 20
7. Briefly discuss Archaeological methods. 20
8. Science, theory and hypothesis are interconnected briefly explain in relation to anthropology. 20
9. Describe steps to conduct a literature review and statement of research problem. 20
10. Write shorts notes on any two of the following. 10+10
 - a) Interview
 - b) Sample survey
 - c) Anthropometry

MASTERS PROGRAMME IN ANTHROPOLOGY- PART I
PHYSICAL ANTHROPOLOGY (MANI-002)
TUTOR MARKED ASSIGNMENT
(TMA)

Course Code: MANI-002
Assignment Code: MANI- 002/ASST/TMA/2016-17
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. Define physical anthropology and discuss its aims and scope. 20
2. What are MAN's distinguishing physical characteristics? 20
3. Define race and what are the morphological differences among major races? 20
4. Discuss the role of biochemical methods in evaluating growth. 20
5. Write short notes on any two of the following: 10+10
 - a) Bergmann's and Allen's rule
 - b) Karyotype Analysis
 - c) Modern thought on races-the ethnic group

SECTION-B

6. Discuss the climatic adaptation in context to the thermal environment. 20
7. What are the mechanisms of evolution? 20
8. What are the effects of nutritional stress? 20
9. Discuss the various branches in physical anthropology. 20
10. Distinguish between any two of the following: 10+10
 - a) Consanguineous and Non-consanguineous mating
 - b) Mixed longitudinal and Longitudinal methods of studying growth
 - c) Lamarckism and Darwinism

SOCIAL ANTHROPOLOGY (MAN-001)
TUTOR MARKED ASSIGNMENT
(TMA)

Course Code: MAN-001
Assignment Code: MAN- 001/ASST/TMA/2016-17
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 the growth and development of social anthropology as a subject. Reflect on the present scenario and future perspectives of the subject. 10+10
2. Delineate the various attributes of culture. Write a note on culture and society. 10+10
3. ‘Social Structure is a reality’. Discuss A.R. Radcliffe Brown’s contribution to the understanding of social structure. 20
4. Discuss Marxism as a theory. Give an overview of Marxist anthropology. 20
5. Write short notes: 10+10
 - a) Classical theories
 - b) Sanskritisation

SECTION-B

6. Discuss the concept of family. Critically examine the variations and dimensions of family in Post-modern world. 10+10
7. Discuss the major economic activities in tribal societies. 20
8. Define rituals? Discuss the rituals of liminality. 10+10
9. Write a note on conflict resolution in tribal societies. 20
10. Write short notes: 10+10
 - a) Shamanism
 - b) North Indian Kinship

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

Course Code: MAN-002
Assignment Code: MAN-002/ASST/TMA/2016-17
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. Briefly Discuss the main divisions of Archaeological Anthropology. 20
2. What are the various tool making techniques? Briefly describe the techniques used during Lower Palaeolithic culture. 20
3. What is 'home art' and 'cave art'? Discuss cave art with suitable examples. 20
4. What are dating methods? Discuss briefly various methods of absolute dating in archaeological studies. 20
5. Write short notes on any two of the following: 10+10
 - a) Prehistory
 - b) Blade tool
 - c) Robert Bruce Foote
 - d) Importance of Archaeology in Social Sciences

SECTION B

6. What is Chalcolithic culture? Describe any two sites of Chalcolithic culture in india. 20
7. What is civilization? Discuss various characteristic features of civilization with reference to Harappan culture. 20
8. Define applied Archaeology. Discuss the role of applied archaeology in heritage management. 20
9. Megalithic is a living tradition among many Indian tribes. Elaborate your answer with examples. 20
10. Write short notes on any two of the following: 10+10
 - a) Museum
 - b) Neolithic culture
 - c) Malwa culture
 - d) Kurnool caves