

MAAN

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

**Assignments
July 2017 and January 2018 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 2017 Batch March 31, 2018

For students admitted in January 2018 Batch September 30, 2018

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/2017-18
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 aim and scope of anthropology? Briefly discuss the aspects of studying diversity and variation in anthropology. 20
2. What is fieldwork? Describe beginning the fieldwork in anthropology. 20
3. Describe about the survey of the literature. 20
4. Discuss anthropometry in detail. 20
5. Write short notes on any two of the following. 10+10
 - a) Archaeological research methods
 - b) Comparative Research Design
 - c) Participant observation

SECTION-B

6. Discuss briefly about the emerging fields in anthropology. 20
7. Write about the aims, objectives and concepts of ethnographic research. 20
8. Describe about scientific method and hypothesis. 20
9. Briefly explain anthropology as a natural as well as a social science. 20
10. Write shorts notes on any two of the following. 10+10
 - a) Anatomical Method
 - b) Applied Anthropology
 - c) Ethnography and its Ethics

PHYSICAL ANTHROPOLOGY (MANI-002)
TUTOR MARKED ASSIGNMENT
(TMA)

Course Code: MANI-002
Assignment Code: MANI- 002/ASST/TMA/2017-18
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. What is Physical Anthropology? Briefly discuss its the applied dimensions. 20
2. What are main characteristics of the primates? 20
3. Discuss UNESCO Statement on Race. 20
4. Discuss the genetic factors affecting growth. 20
5. Write short notes on any two of the following: 10+10
 - a) Acclimatization to desert habitat
 - b) Pedigree
 - c) The Non-Existence of the Races-The Clines

SECTION B

6. Discuss the climatic stress and Man’s physiological response and acclimatization to high altitude adaptation. 20
7. What are the principles of evolution? 20
8. What do you understand by ecology of malnutrition? 20
9. Discuss the relationship of physical anthropology with other disciplines. 20
10. Distinguish between any two of the following: 10+10
 - a) Distance curve and velocity curve
 - b) Infectious and Non-infectious diseases
 - c) Neo-Lamarckism and Neo-Darwinism

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

Course Code: MAN-001
Assignment Code: MAN- 001/ASST/TMA/2017-18
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 history and growth of social anthropology as a subject. Reflect on the journey of social anthropology in India. 10+10
2. “Culture is the man-made part of the environment”. Critically evaluate the statement. 20
3. Write a note on the feminist movement and the influence of feminist theory in Anthropology. 20
4. Discuss the concepts of Westernisation and Modernisation. 20
5. Write short notes: 10+10
 - a) Diffusionism
 - b) Self and Identity

SECTION-B

6. Describe the meaning and definitions of marriage. Critically examine the variations and dimensions of marriage in Post-modern world. 10+10
7. With reference to Kula and Potlatch discuss the distribution process of goods and services in simple societies. 20
8. Discuss the anthropological approaches to the study of religion with emphasis on psychological and symbolic approaches. 20
9. Critically evaluate the Alliance theory. 20
10. Write short notes: 10+10
 - a) Kula ring
 - b) Jajmani system

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

Course Code: MAN-002
Assignment Code: MAN-002/ASST/TMA/2017-18
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 methodological developments in Archaeology. 20
2. What are the different basic tool making techniques? Briefly comment on the techniques used during Lower Palaeolithic culture. 20
3. What is absolute dating method? Briefly comment on any two methods of absolute dating. 20
4. What is Chalcolithic culture? Briefly examine any two Chalcolithic cultures. 20
5. Write short note on any two of the following. 10+10
 - a) Relationship of geology with archaeological anthropology
 - b) Protohistory
 - c) Levallois technique
 - d) Moraines

SECTION-B

6. What is Neolithic revolution? Discuss. 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. 20
10. Write short notes on any two of the following: 10+10
 - a) Museum
 - b) Home art
 - c) Malwa
 - d) Megaliths