

MAAN

Masters in Anthropology Second Year Courses

Assignments July 2017 and January 2018 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 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

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

Course Code: MANI-003
Assignment Code: MANI-003/ASST/TMA/2017-18
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 practicing anthropology. Discuss how practicing anthropology as a field developed during the world wars. 20
2. Discuss in detail the participatory approaches in practicing anthropology. 20
3. Define the term development. Discuss the role of anthropologists in development. 20
4. Describe in detail the methods and measurements used in design anthropometry. 20
5. Write short notes on any two of the following: 10+10
 - a) Relevance of Kinanthropometry
 - b) Dispute of Confidentiality
 - c) Market Research

SECTION-B

6. What is the role of forensic anthropology in crimes? Discuss the different ways in which identification of a body is done and how it assists in the study of forensic anthropology? 20
7. Discuss the two relevant areas of applied genetics, Genetic Counseling and Genetic Screening. 20
8. What is the importance of multimedia in anthropology? Give a brief history of the use of multimedia in anthropology. 20
9. Define disasters. Delineate the anthropological understanding of disasters and their management. 20
10. Write short notes on any two of the following. 10+10
 - a) Biometrics
 - b) Tourism and cultural anthropology
 - c) Capacity development

HUMAN GENETICS (MANE-001)

Tutor Marked Assignment (TMA)

Course Code: MANE-001

Assignment Code: MANE-001/ASST/TMA/2017-18

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 comment on different branches of Human genetics. 20
2. What is Mitosis? Discuss briefly the different stages of cell division with suitable diagrams. 20
3. What is Hardy Weinberg Law? Discuss any two factors that affect change in gene frequency. 20
4. What are metabolic diseases? Briefly examine different metabolic diseases. 20
5. Write short note on any two of the following. 10+10
 - a. Red green colour blindness
 - b. Balanced polymorphism
 - c. Inbreeding
 - d. Down syndrome

SECTION-B

6. What is Human Genome Project? Discuss briefly the applications of Human Genome Project. 20
7. Define Genetic polymorphism. Discuss with suitable examples. 20
8. What are the ethical, legal and social issues in genetic research? Discuss. 20
9. What is Genetic Counselling? Briefly discuss the process of genetic counselling. 20
10. Write short note on any two of the following. 10+10
 - a. DNA
 - b. Alkaptonuria (AKP)
 - c. Abnormal Haemoglobins
 - d. Genetic Epidemiology

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

Course Code: MANE-002

Assignment Code: MANE- 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. Discuss in brief the basic principles of growth. 20
2. What do you understand by Growth References: A brief Concept? 20
3. Discuss the assessment of body composition using anthropometry. 20
4. Define growth and development. Discuss its aim and scope. 20
5. Define and differentiate between any two of the following: 10+10
 - a) Distance Curve and Velocity Curve
 - b) Mid childhood and late childhood
 - c) Longitudinal and Mixed Longitudinal Study

SECTION-B

6. Evaluate the effect of socio-economic status on human growth. 20
7. Discuss some ways to slow down the ageing process. 20
8. What do you understand by Concept of Balanced Diet? 20
9. What are the limitations and new directions in somatotyping? 20
10. Write short notes on any two of the following: 10+10
 - a) Genetics of growth
 - b) Relationship between physique and temperament
 - c) Non Genetic factors of growth

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

Course Code: MANE-003

Assignment Code: MANE-003/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. Define Ethnography. Discuss the history and growth of ethnography with emphasis on the British and Chicago Schools. 20
2. Discuss the symbolists and the feminists approaches used in ethnographic writing. 20
3. Discuss kinship as portrayed in *American Kinship: A Cultural Account* by David M. Schneider. 20
4. Critically examine the changing patterns of stratification as presented by Andre Beteille in his work *Caste, Class and Power: Changing Patterns of Stratification in a Tanjore Village*. 20
5. Write short notes referring to the ethnographies discussed in the course: 10+10
 - a) Himalayan Polyandry
 - b) Death in Benaras

SECTION-B

6. Reflect on social organisation of the Nuers based on Evans-Pritchard's work on the Nuers. 20
7. Discuss the Slametan communal feast as described in the ethnography *The Religion of Java*. 20
8. Focusing on rites de passage, analyse the aspects of Ndembu rituals as described in Victor Turner's ethnography *The Forest of Symbols: Aspects of Ndembu Ritual*. 20
9. Review the changes among the Gonds based on the ethnography *The Gonds of Andhra Pradesh: Tradition and Change in an Indian Tribe*. 20
10. Write short notes referring to the ethnographies discussed in the course: 10+10
 - a) Economic Organisation
 - b) Indigenous Knowledge

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

Course Code: MANE-004

Assignment Code: MANE-004/ASST/TMA/2017-2018

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. What do you understand by patriarchy and male dominance? Discuss the theoretical perspectives on the origin of patriarchy. 20
2. Discuss the status of women in tribal societies. 20
3. What are the main theories of gender? Discuss the feminist psychoanalytical thought of both America and France. 20
4. How has gender been studied in anthropological history? Discuss some of its main contributors. 20
5. Write short notes on any four of the following: 4X5=20
 - a) Radical Feminism
 - b) Gender performativity
 - c) Role of peers in socialisation
 - d) Bodies after menopause
 - e) Unpaid labour

SECTION- B

6. What are the different life courses of a woman? Discuss two life course events highlighting how they affect a woman's identity and position in society. 20
7. Delineate how gender is portrayed in both patrilineal and matrilineal societies. 20
8. Evaluate critically how schools act as sites of gender socialisation by nurturing of gendered education. 20
9. Write short notes on any four of the following: 4X5=20
 - a) Gender stereotype
 - b) Identity of women among upper castes
 - c) Judith Butler
 - d) LGBT-Q Politics in India
 - e) Policies to better women's health

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

Course Code: MANE-005

Assignment Code: MANE-005/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 environmental anthropology? Briefly discuss theoretical perspectives in environmentalism anthropology. 20
2. Describe ecological succession in detail. 20
3. Discuss the role of anthropology in contemporary environmental discourses. 20
4. What is medical anthropology? Describe briefly various theories of medical anthropology. 20
5. Write short notes on any two of the following: 10+10
 - a) Pastoralism
 - b) Types of agriculture
 - c) Common property resources

SECTION-B

6. What is sustainable development? Explain the nature of sustainable development in the third world. 20
7. Define global warming? Explain the main causes of water and land degradation are. 20
8. Describe what is indigenous and western knowledge? Discuss why indigenous environmental knowledge is important. 20
9. What is the relationship between culture and climate change? Explain. 20
10. Write short notes on any two of the following: 10 + 10
 - a) Hypoxia and homeostasis
 - b) Cultural ecology
 - c) Tribal Displacement