

**MAAN**

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

**Assignments  
July 2014 and January 2015 sessions**

MANI 001: Anthropology and Methods of Research  
MANI 002: Physical Anthropology  
MAN 001: Social Anthropology  
MAN 002: Archaeological Anthropology



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## **Programme Code: MAAN**

### **Assignment - July 2014 and January 2015 sessions**

Dear Student,

You must have gone through the Programme Guide for Masters 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 and 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 summarise 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 (do not type) 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 an idea of the preparation of that particular course. There is enough time, just plan to complete all the assignments 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 2014 Batch- 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2015**

**For students admitted in January 2015 Batch- 30<sup>th</sup> September, 2015**

**The Assignment should be submitted to**

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

**MASTERS PROGRAMME IN ANTHROPOLOGY (MAAN) - PART I  
ANTHROPOLOGY AND METHODS OF RESEARCH (MANI 001)  
TUTOR MARKED ASSIGNMENT  
(TMA)**

**Course Code: MANI -001  
Assignment Code: MANI -001/AST/TMA/2014-15  
Total Marks: 100**

**Attempt any five questions. All questions carry equal marks. The word limit for 20 marks question is 500 words and for 5 marks question is 150 words. Attempt at least two questions from each section**

**SECTION - A**

1. Define what is anthropology and its scope? Discuss briefly background of anthropology. 20
2. What are the major fieldwork tradition in anthropology and its most important characteristics. 20
3. Discuss and distinguish between technique, method and methodology. 20
4. Describe the techniques involved in defining a research problem. 20
5. Write short notes on: 20
  - a) Sampling
  - b) Pedigree analysis
  - c) Anthropometry
  - d) Excavation

**SECTION - B**

6. Define ethnography? Explain how ethnography is useful in anthropological research. 20
7. Discuss briefly the contribution made by Malinowski and Margaret Mead. 20
8. What is meant by observation and participant observation? How it is useful in anthropological research. 20

9. Write short notes on: 20
- a) Comparative method
  - b) Interview
  - c) Carbon dating
  - d) Data collection
9. Briefly discuss about scientific method and hypothesis. 20
10. How is research proposal is formulated and designed? Describe in detail. 20

**PHYSICAL ANTHROPOLOGY (MANI –002)**  
**TUTOR MARKED ASSIGNMENT**  
**(TMA)**

**Course Code: MANI –002**

**Assignment Code: MANI –002/AST/TMA/2014-15**

**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 aims and scope of physical anthropology and the role of physical anthropology used in applied physical anthropology. 20
2. What are the different methods of studying growth? Discuss with their merits and demerits. 20
3. What do you understand by hominization? Explain with reference to skeletal changes due to erect posture and its implication. 20
4. What are the adaptive responses of human body with high altitude? Explain how body characters affect these responses. 20
5. Write short notes on any two of the following: 10+10
  - a) Genetic polymorphism
  - b) Effects of nutritional stress
  - c) Principles of Palaeoanthropology

**SECTION - B**

6. Explain the significance of primate behaviour in Anthropology? 20
7. What are chromosomal aberrations in man? Discuss briefly with examples. 20
8. Discuss the UNESCO statement on racial classification. 20
9. What do you understand by biogenetic basis of phylogeny of living primates? 20

10. Distinguish between any two of the following:

10+10

- a) Over nutrition and Under nutrition
- b) Consanguineous and Non-consanguineous mating
- c) Lamarckism and Darwinism

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

**Course Code: MAN - 001**

**Assignment Code: MAN - 001/AST/TMA/2014-15**

**Total Marks: 100**

**Note: There are two sections 'A' and 'B'. Attempt five questions and atleast 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 emergence of social anthropology as a subject. Discuss the relationship of social anthropology and social work. 10+10
2. Discuss the characteristics of culture. What are the core elements of culture? 10+10
3. Critically evaluate the functional approach. 20
4. Discuss feminist theory in anthropology. 20
5. Write short notes: 10+10
  - a) Classical evolutionism
  - b) Identity in networked society

**SECTION-B**

6. Describe prescribed and preferential marriages. 10+10
7. What are rituals? Discuss the functional study of rituals. 10+10
8. Discuss the traditional economic systems. 20
9. Write short notes: 10+10
  - a) Shamanism
  - b) Terrace cultivation

**MASTERS PROGRAMME IN ANTHROPOLOGY (MAAN) - PART I**  
**COURSE ARCHAEOLOGICAL ANTHROPOLOGY (MAN-002)**  
**TUTOR MARKED ASSIGNMENT**  
**(TMA)**

**Course Code: MAN- 002**

**Assignment Code: MAN- 002/AST/TMA/2014-15**

**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 'home art' and 'cave 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) Protohistory
  - b) Narmada Man
  - c) Robert Bruce Foote
  - d) Importance of Archaeology in Social Sciences

**SECTION – B**

6. Briefly comment on the Middle 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. 20

10. Write short notes on any two of the following:

10+10

- a) Museum
- b) Neolithic culture
- c) Malwa culture
- d) Kurnool caves