

**Masters in Anthropology
Second Year Courses**

**Assignments
July 2014 and January 2015 sessions**

Compulsory Course

MANI 003: Practicing Anthropology

Elective 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 Masters in Anthropology (MAAN) for the second year of the Programme, Masters in Anthropology. You know the significance of the assignment and are aware that each assignment has been prepared covering the entire course. You must have understood the assignment of the course MANI 003 is compulsory. You have also chosen two elective courses out of the five we offer. Hence along with MANI 003, you are to submit the assignments for the electives you have opted.

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 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 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- 31st March, 2015

For students admitted in January 2015 Batch- 30th September, 2015

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/AST/TMA/2014-15
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 5 marks question is 125 words. Attempt at least two questions from each section.

SECTION - A

1. Write an essay on how applied anthropology evolved from applied ethnology during the period 1860 to 1945. 20
2. Discuss in detail the participatory approach used by practicing anthropologists. 20
3. Discuss the theories of naturalistic and supernatural causation from the context of illness and health. 20
4. Elucidate comprehensively the methods and measurements used in design anthropometry. 20
5. Write short notes on any four of the following: 5x4
 - a) Human development index
 - b) Case-study method in health research
 - c) Kinanthropometry in sports science
 - d) Fingerprints and DNA Biometrics
 - e) Sustainable livelihoods approach

SECTION - B

6. What is genetic screening? Discuss its importance in the study of human genetics. 20
7. Present a historical preview of the use of multimedia in anthropology. 20
8. How do anthropologists interpret disasters? Elucidate. 20

9. Discuss networking and negotiation from the context of role played by anthropologists in capacity development. 20
10. Write short notes on any four of the following: 5x4
- a) Focus Group Discussions (FGDs)
 - b) Pedigree analysis in genetic counseling
 - c) ABO blood group
 - d) Community Based Disaster Preparedness (CBDP)
 - e) Impact of occupation on cardio-respiratory function

MASTERS PROGRAMME IN ANTHROPOLOGY (MAAN) PART-II
COURSE HUMAN GENETICS (MANE-001)
TUTOR MARKED ASSIGNMENT
(TMA)

Course Code: MANE -001

Assignment Code: MANE -001/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 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 Equilibrium? Briefly examine the factors affecting change in gene frequency. 20
4. Discuss different types of chromosomal aberrations in man. 20
5. Write short notes on any two of the following: 10+10
 - a) Fluorescence in *Situ* Hybridization
 - b) ABO blood group system
 - c) Phenylketonuria (PKU)
 - d) DNA

SECTION - B

6. What is Genetic screening and Genetic counselling? Discuss the various steps that are involved in Genetic counselling. 20
7. What is Human Genome Project? Discuss briefly the applications of Human Genome Project. 20
8. Define Genetic polymorphism. Discuss with examples. 20
9. What is Bio-informatics? 20

10. Write short on any two of the following:

10+10

- a) Genomics
- b) Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR)
- c) Ethical, Legal and Social issues in genetic research
- d) Colour blindness

Human Growth and Development (MANE - 002)
TUTOR MARKED ASSIGNMENT
(TMA)

Course Code: MANE - 002

Assignment Code: MANE - 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. What do understand by human growth and development? Discuss briefly the basic principles of human growth. 10+10
2. Discuss various methods of studying growth with their merits and demerits. 20
3. Discuss how various environmental factors affect growth. 20
4. Discuss Sheldon’s method and Heath and Carters’ method of somatotyping. 20
5. Write short notes on any two of the following : 10+10
 - a) Malnutrition
 - b) Prenatal growth and Postnatal growth
 - c) Growth curves

SECTION - B

6. What are the different ways to slow down the ageing process? Discuss. 20
7. What are the different ways of assessing body composition? 20
8. What do you understand by the endocrinology of growth? Discuss its significance. 20
9. Briefly discuss the meaning and significance of balanced diet. 20
10. Distinguish and describe any two of the following: 10+10
 - a) Secular trend and Catch-up growth
 - b) Ectomorphy and Mesomorphy
 - c) Positive secular trend and negative secular trend

Comparative Ethnography (MANE-003)
TUTOR MARKED ASSIGNMENT
(TMA)

Course Code: MANE - 003

Assignment Code: MANE - 003/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. What is Ethnography? Discuss the ethical issues related to identity in the field area in an ethnographic study. 10+10
2. Discuss the emergence of feminist anthropology and the changes that are seen in feminist style of ethnographic writings. 20
3. Discuss *jasmani* and *hali* systems as described in the work *Patronage and Exploitation: Changing Agrarian Relations in South Gujarat India*. 10+10
4. Describe lineage, clan, agnatic and cognatic relations referring to Meyer Fortes' work *The Web of Kinship among the Tallensi*. 20
5. Write short notes referring to the ethnographies discussed in the course: 10+10
 - a) Swat economy and society
 - b) Salient features of Caste System

SECTION - B

6. Critically examine the economic and political reasons for the revolutionary movement of 1977-1979 of Iran as described in Charles Fischer's ethnography *Iran from Religious Dispute to Revolution*. 20
7. Discuss the *Gumsa* and *Gumlao* systems of the Kachins of Highland Burma as described by Sir Edmund Leach. 20

8. Referring to the ethnography *Identity, Gender and Poverty: New Perspectives on Caste and Tribe in Rajasthan* discuss the status of the Girasia women as described by Maya Unnithan-Kumar. 20
9. Discuss the role of fieldwork in the ethnographic works of Fürer-Haimendorf on the Gonds of Adilabad. 20
10. Write short notes referring to the ethnographies discussed in the course: 10+10
 - a) Sacred ecology and Cree World view
 - b) Nuer religion and rituals

Gender and Society (MANE - 004)
Tutor Marked Assignment
(TMA)

Course Code: MANE - 004
Assignment Code: MANE - 004/AST/TMA/2014-15
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 5 marks question is 125 words. Attempt at least two questions from each section.

SECTION - A

1. Discuss the concept of gender with special reference to gender ideology, identification, stereotyping and stratification. 20
2. Write an analytical essay on femininity and masculinity highlighting its association with religion, sexuality and culture in India. 20
3. What do you understand by agents of socialisation? Discuss in detail how parents and family play a huge role in the socialisation of an individual. 20
4. Discuss the significance of gender as a controlling source in the institution of family. 20
5. Write short notes on any four of the following: 5x4
 - a) Role of peers in socialisation
 - b) Gendered attitude in schools
 - c) Radical feminism
 - d) Margaret Mead
 - e) Gender stereotyping as enlisted by Shirley Dex

SECTION - B

6. Critically discuss with examples the difference between paid and unpaid labour. 20
7. Explain race and gender in reference to social stratification and exemplify the relationship between both. 20
8. Discuss the processes of globalization and its impacts. Does globalization contribute towards gender inequity? Deliberate. 20

9. Delineate the position of Indian women during the Vedic period with examples. 20
10. Write short notes on any four of the following: 5x4
- a) Freud's concept of gender and sexuality
 - b) Breadwinner model
 - c) Black feminism
 - d) Matriarchy versus Patriarchy
 - e) Heteronormativity

**MASTERS PROGRAMME IN ANTHROPOLOGY (MAAN) - PART II
COURSE ENVIRONMENTAL ANTHROPOLOGY (MANE- 005)
TUTOR MARKED ASSIGNMENT
(TMA)**

Course Code: MANE- 005

Assignment Code: MANE- 005/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 10 marks question is 250 words. Attempt at least two questions from each section

SECTION - A

1. Define ecological anthropology. Brief discuss the development of ecological perspective in anthropology? 20
2. What is culture-environment relationship? Explain the concept of cultural ecology. 20
3. Explain the concept of Pastoralism? Describe the natural resource management patterns among the pastoralist. 20
4. Write short notes on: 20
 - a) Sustainable development
 - b) Shifting cultivation
5. Define indigenous knowledge? Describe types and characteristics of Indigenous knowledge. 20
6. What is environmental justice? Discuss briefly about indigenous people and environmental justice. 20

SECTION - B

7. Briefly discuss basic concepts of ecology? 20
8. Write short notes on: 20
 - a) Mining and its impact
 - b) Dams and displacement
9. Illustrate current trends in environmental anthropology. 20

10. Define biodiversity and its relevance today. 20
11. Delineate the concept gender and environment? Discuss eco-feminism and environment. 20
12. Discuss briefly about application of concept of ecosystem in anthropology. 20