

MASTERS IN ANTHROPOLOGY (MAAN)

Term-End Examination

June, 2015

00138

MANE-003 : COMPARATIVE ETHNOGRAPHY

Time : 3 hours

Maximum Marks : 100

Note : *Attempt five questions in all. All questions carry equal marks. Attempt at least two questions from each section. Word limit for 10 marks questions is 250 and 20 marks questions is 500.*

SECTION A

1. Discuss the British and Chicago schools of ethnography. Elaborate on the methods and techniques used in ethnography. 20

2. Discuss the following approaches used in ethnographic writing : 10+10
 - (a) Symbolists
 - (b) Culturalists

3. Critically analyse the intellectual context of the ethnography *Notes on Love in a Tamil Family*. Describe the field methods used. 10+10

4. Analyse Fredrik Barth's work *Political Leadership among Swat Pathans* with special reference to the sections on economy and society. 20
5. Write short notes on the following referring to the ethnographies discussed in the course : 10+10
- (a) Sanskritisation
 - (b) Himalayan Polyandry

SECTION B

6. Discuss the *Slametan* communal feast as it is described in the ethnography *The Religion of Java*. 20
 7. Discuss the issues pertaining to field work methods and intellectual context of the ethnography *Political Systems of Highland Burma*. 10+10
 8. Discuss how Rites of Passage has been described in the ethnographies *Coming of Age in Samoa* and *The Forest of Symbols*. 20
 9. Describe how African societies interact with the environment using their indigenous knowledge, citing examples from the work *Setho : Afrikan Thought and Belief System*. 20
 10. Write short notes on the following referring to the ethnographies discussed in the course : 10+10
 - (a) Tolai Cocoa Project
 - (b) Matrilineal Inheritance
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