

CC/M/EXAM.
2020
ANTHROPOLOGY
PAPER—I

Time : 3 hours]

[Full Marks : 250

Note : Question Nos. **1** and **5** are compulsory and out of the remaining, any **three** are to be attempted choosing at least ONE question from each Section. The number of marks carried by a question/part is indicated against it.

SECTION—A

1. Answer *any five* of the following questions :

10×5=50

- (a) Name the major branches of anthropology and briefly describe the scope and relevance of any two of them.
- (b) Why is post-Darwinian theory of organic evolution considered different from the earlier theories to explain human evolution? Explain with proper justification.
- (c) Mention the names of tertiary and quaternary fossil primate and discuss how tertiary primates are different from the quaternary ones.
- (d) Describe the characteristics and distribution of Plio-Pleistocene hominids highlighting their phylogenetic position.
- (e) How is chronology defined in prehistory? Mention different methods of absolute dating and explain any one of them highlighting its applicability and limitations.
- (f) "Kinship is social recognition of biological ties". Justify the statement with adequate examples from societies across the globe.
- (g) What is classical evolutionism? Explain how it is different from diffusionism.

2. Answer the following questions :

- (a) Mention and discuss the different phases of prehistoric cultures highlighting their typo-technological features and adaptability to changing prehistoric subsistence economy. 20
- (b) Explain in detail the concept and definitions of characteristics of culture and civilization in anthropology. 15
- (c) What is descent group? Name the different forms of descent groups and explain them in short. 15

3. Answer the following questions :

- (a) Elaborate from the anthropological perspective, the concept and approaches of the theories of structuralism and post-modernism. 20
- (b) Name the different forms of religion that exist in tribal and peasant societies and describe each of them in short with examples. 15
- (c) Discuss the history, development and significance of fieldwork tradition in anthropology. 15

4. Answer the following questions :

- (a) Explain the application of anthropology in different fields with emphasis on modern application in human genetics. 20
- (b) Name the different tools of data collection and discuss the ones most frequently used in anthropological investigation. 15
- (c) How is the concept of religion different in traditional societies from the modern? Discuss the different approaches to the study of religion. 15

SECTION—B

5. Answer *any five* of the following questions : 10×5=50

- (a) Why is anthropology called a holistic science? Explain how anthropology is related to social science and life science.
- (b) Mention the major features of Neanderthal man highlighting their physical characteristics. Why did Neanderthal man become extinct?
- (c) Describe how biological factors are related to cultural factors in human evolution.

- (d) "Archaeology is anthropology or nothing". Explain the statement justifying its relevance in the context of North-East India.
- (e) Discuss in brief how globalization has affected indigenous economic systems.
- (f) Explain the factors of bio-cultural adaptation with special reference to high altitude climate.
- (g) Mention the different stages of human growth and explain the role of adolescence stage in detail.

6. Answer the following questions :

- (a) What is evolutionary biology? Discuss the different theories of evolutionary biology. 20
- (b) Discuss the characteristic features and distribution of Homo erectus that existed during the prehistoric past. Do we have any evidence of the said fossil in India? 15
- (c) Explain the meaning and concept of economic anthropology with emphasis on the formalist and substantivist debate. 15

7. Answer the following questions :

- (a) "The biological basis of life can be better understood with the development of genetics". Explain the statement with proper justification. 20
- (b) Write the significance and relevance of ethnocentrism vis-à-vis cultural relativism in the present context. 15
- (c) Mention the different types of magico-religious functionaries explaining their role in traditional societies. 15

8. Answer the following questions :

- (a) Elaborate the theories of neo-evolutionism in the light of the theoretical discussions made by different scholars. 20
- (b) Discuss the biological and socio-ecological factors influencing fecundity, fertility and mortality. 15
- (c) Describe with examples the application of human genetics in the recent period. 15

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