

2025

ANTHROPOLOGY
(Theory)

Full Marks : 70

Pass Marks : 21

Time : Three hours

All the questions are compulsory.

The figures in the right margin indicate full marks for the questions.

Question Nos. 1 to 7 are multiple choice questions with four alternatives of which one of them is the correct answer. Choose and rewrite the correct answer along with the corresponding letters.

1. “ Culture is the way of life followed by an organised interacting aggregate of individuals”. Who made this remarks ? 1
(A) E.B. Tylor
(B) Herskovits
(C) L.H. Morgan
(D) M.N. Srinivas
2. A family where only parents and their unmarried children live is called : 1
(A) Joint family
(B) Nuclear family
(C) Extended family
(D) Polyandrous family

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3. Type of family in which the individual marries and procreates is known as : 1
- (A) Family of orientation
 - (B) Family of procreation
 - (C) Conjugal family
 - (D) Monogamous family
4. In matrilineal kinship, a family group starts from : 1
- (A) A male ancestor
 - (B) A female ancestress
 - (C) Both male and female ancestors
 - (D) An unrelated person
5. A group of primitive tribals want to hunt a rhinoceros. The most suitable technique they must use is : 1
- (A) Disguise method
 - (B) Poisoning method
 - (C) Spear- falling method
 - (D) Boomerang- throwing
6. The core tool which is also known as coup-de-poing is : 1
- (A) Handaxe
 - (B) Clearer
 - (C) Chopper
 - (D) Chopping

7. Which of the following tools can be called composite tool? 1
- (A) Neolithic celts
- (B) Palaeolithic core tools
- (C) Flake tools of Middle Palaeolithic
- (D) Microliths of Mesolithic

For Question Nos. 8 to 17 are very short answer type questions. Give each answer in about one or two sentences.

8. Who coined the term action anthropology? 1
9. What is studied in cultural anthropology? 1
10. Why are social anthropologists regarded as social engineers? 1
11. Is it possible to have culture without speech? Why ? 1
12. Which aspect of culture is directly influenced by physical environment ? 1
13. Can society exist without family ? Why ? 1
14. Draw a nuclear family. 1
15. Ancestor worshipping is found in many primitive societies. What type of social system can be seen in this tradition ? 1
16. Who takes the custody of children in case of divorce in Tangkhul society ? 1
17. Can a widow inherit the property of her deceased husband in the customary law of Tangkhul-Nagas ? 1

For Question Nos. 18 to 27 are short answer type-II questions. Give each answer in about 30 to 40 words.

18. Which type of society is given more importance by social anthropologists and why? 2

19. What would happen if human society doesn't possess culture? 2
20. Diagrammatically represent a cross-cousin marriage. 2
21. How does an affinal kinship differ from consanguineous kinship? 2
22. What are the roles of women in a Tangkhul family? 2
23. Which type of marriage system is prevalent among Tangkhul-Nagas? 2
24. A group of fisherman plans to catch from Loktak lake by applying traditional methods. What type of fishing method they must apply and why? 2
25. An archaeologist cuts a section through a rock shelter showing of the various layers from top to bottom. Suggest the most suitable method of dating he must apply to study the site giving reasons. 2
26. Which type of dating method will a student of prehistory apply if he finds different types of prehistoric tools in Koubu hill range? 2
27. Mesolithic culture of Europe can be called microlithic culture. Justify. 2

For Question Nos. 28 to 33 are short answer type-I questions. Give each answer in about 50 to 60 words.

28. How is social anthropology related with sociology? 3

Or

Bring out the relationship of social anthropology with economics. 3

29. "Culture may be the same in different environments". Justify the statement. 3

Or

"There are some indirect influence of environment on culture". Justify the statement. 3

30. What will happen to a joint family if the head of the family is incompatible. 3

Or

"Family is a universal institution". Support the statement. 3

31. A research scholar wants to conduct a social survey in an educated society. But he can't afford the expenditure to conduct the study by applying schedule technique of data collection. What type of data collection he must use to collect the data and why? 3

Or

"Questionnaire technique is not suitable for collecting data from the illiterate information". Justify. 3

32. What are the sources of Prehistory? 3

Or

What are the methods of study of archaeology? 3

33. Write the probable functions of unifacial chopper. 3

Or

What is pressure flaking in stone-tool technology? 3

For Question Nos. 34 to 36 are essay type questions of 5 marks each. Give each answer in about 150 words.

34. Explain any five ways of acquiring mates among the tribals of India. 5

Or

Describe the different forms of preferential marriage. 5

35. What are the important characteristic features of a primitive economic system? 5

Or

Describe the importance of pastoralism in primitive economic system. 5

36. Neolithic culture is a revolution. Explain.

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Or

Compare neolithic and palaeolithic culture.

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