

MAAN

**Master's in Anthropology
First Year Courses (Compulsory)**

**Assignments
July 2023 and January 2024 sessions**

First Year

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



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DearStudent

You must have gone through the Programme Guide for the Master's 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, it should be maintained. There are different types of questions in the assignment, long answers (20 marks) and short answers (10marks). 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 summarize 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 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 idea of the preparation of that particular course. There is enough time, just plan to complete all the assignment on time. Proper planning and judicious execution is required to complete the work before last date.

Last Date of Submission of Assignment

For students of July 2023 Batch

March 31, 2024

For students of January 2024 Batch

September 30, 2024

The Assignment should be submitted to

The Coordinator of the Study Centre allotted to you

MANI-001: ANTHROPOLOGY AND METHODS OF RESEARCH

Tutor Marked Assignment (TMA)

Course Code: MANI-001

Assignment Code: MANI-001/ASST/TMA/2023-2024

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 for 10 marks question it is 250 words. Attempt at least two questions from each section.

SECTION A

1. Define anthropology? Briefly discuss the main branches of anthropology. 20
2. Discuss fieldwork tradition in anthropology. 20
3. Discuss the various steps of a research design 20
4. Assess observation as a method. 20
5. Attempt any two of the following: 10+10
 - a. Anthropometry
 - b. *Gazette*
 - c. Genealogy
 - d. Excavation

SECTION B

6. Discuss the history and development of archaeological anthropology. 20
7. Examine the emerging fields in anthropology. 20
8. Delineate the use of SPSS in statistical analysis of data. 20
9. Discuss interview method and its types. 20
10. Attempt any two of the following: 10+10
 - a. Ethnography
 - b. Ethics in research
 - c. Mean, median and mode
 - d. Comparative method

Physical Anthropology (MANI 002)
TUTOR MARKED ASSIGNMENT (TMA)

Course Code: MANI 002
Assignment Code: MANI 002/AST/TMA/2023-24
Total Marks: 100

Note: There are two sections ‘A’ and ‘B’. Attempt any five questions in total and at least two questions, 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. Define and discuss the aims and scope of physical anthropology. 20
2. Discuss in brief the major races in the world. 20
3. Discuss Heath-Carter’s method of somatotyping and its advantages and limitations. 20
4. What are the skeletal changes due to the erect postures and its implications? 20
5. Define and differentiate between any two of the following: 10+10
 - a) Relevance of menarche and relevance of menopause
 - b) Consanguineous and non-consanguineous mating
 - c) Infectious diseases and non-infectious diseases

SECTION II

6. Critically discuss Lamarckism. 20
7. What do you understand by applied physical anthropology? Discuss its application in designing equipments and forensic anthropology. 20
8. Describe the acclamatory adjustments of human beings in extreme hot conditions. 20
9. Briefly discuss different methods of human genetic study. 20
10. Write short notes on any two of the following: 10+10
 - a) Branches of Physical Anthropology
 - b) Kinanthropometry
 - c) UNESCO Statement on Racial classification

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

Course Code: MAN 001

Assignment Code: MAN 001/AST/TMA/2023-24

Total Marks: 100

Note: There are two sections 'A' and 'B'. Attempt five questions and 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. Discuss the intellectual foundations for the emergence of a science of society. Discuss the history and growth of social anthropology as a subject. 10+10

2. Define marriage. Critically discuss the changing dynamics in marriage. 20
3. Discuss structuralism with reference to Claude Lévi-Strauss's work. 20
4. Discuss feminism with reference to the anthropological works. 20
5. Write short notes: 10+10
 - a. Fieldwork
 - b. Cultural relativism

SECTION-B

6. Outline the main approaches to the study of religion. Describe any one of them in detail. 20

7. Write a note on Neo-evolutionism. 20
8. What is shamanism? Describe the various types of shamans. 20
9. What is shifting cultivation? Discuss its merits and demerits. 20
10. Write short notes: 10+10
 - a. Victor Turner
 - b. Potlatch and Kula ring

Archaeological Anthropology (MAN-002)
TUTOR MARKED ASSIGNMENT
(TMA)

Course Code: MAN 002

Assignment Code: MAN 002/AST/TMA/2023-24

Total Marks: 100

Note: There are two sections 'A' and 'B'. Attempt five questions and 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. What is Archaeological Anthropology? Briefly comment of various divisions of archaeology. 20
2. What do you understand by Dating methods in archaeology? What are the different dating methods? Briefly describe any two methods of absolute dating. 20
3. Discuss tool types of Lower and Middle Palaeolithic cultures, with suitable diagrams. 20
4. What is Megalithic Culture? Discuss the Megalithic Culture with special reference to south India. 20
5. Write short notes on any two of the following: 10+10
 - (a) Blade Tools
 - (b) Ethno-archaeology
 - (c) Neolithic Period
 - (d) Excavations and Explorations

SECTION B

6. What are the different Upper Palaeolithic 'art' forms? Discuss any one, with suitable examples. 20
7. What is Applied Archaeology? Discuss the role played by applied archaeologists in heritage management. 20
8. What is Indus Vally Civilization? Discuss its various characteristics features. 20
9. Briefly comment on the Mesolithic Cultures of India. 20
10. Write short notes on any two of the following: 10+10=20
 - (a) Chalcolithic Cultures
 - (b) Adamgarh Rock Art
 - (c) Household Objects of Prehistoric Period
 - (d) Bhimbetka

