

University of Mysore

Syllabus for Ph. D. Entrance Exam

Anthropology (Both for Social-cultural and Biological Anthropology)

Unit: - 1. Introduction

- a. Meaning and scope of social-cultural, biological Archaeological and Linguistics Anthropology
- b. History of Anthropology
- c. Relationship of anthropology with social sciences and natural sciences

Unit: - 2. Family and Marriage

- a. Family: Definitions and universality; household and domestic group; division of labour; typologies (conjugal, consanguineal, nuclear, joint, extended, patrilocal, matrilocal)
- b. Functions of family; trends of change, the changing joint - family in India.
- c. Marriage: Definitions and universals, incest and incest taboo; marriage rules (endogamy and exogamy, levirate and sororate, preferential and prescriptive); marriage forms (monogamy and polygamy)
- d. Marriage: Functions of marriage; marriage payments (dowry and bride-price); marriage stability and divorce; widowhood and remarriage.

Unit: - 3 Economic, Political and Religious Organizations

- a. Folk (tribal), peasant, pastoral and urban economies distinguished
Salient features of pre - industrial economies: 'primitive communism', concepts of subsistence and surplus economies, principles of production, distribution and consumption; systems of exchange (reciprocity, redistribution, barter and trade)
- b. Types of political organizations of simple societies: egalitarian and non egalitarian, centralized and decentralized.
- c. Differences between stateless and state societies
- d. Nature of religion in simple societies: animism, animatism, fetishism, naturism and totemism.
- e. Religion, magic and science distinguished.
- f. Magico-religious functionaries in simple societies: priest, shaman, witch, sorcerer.

Unit: - 4 Research Techniques in Anthropology

- a. Interview Method
- b. Observation
- c. Genealogy and Pedigrees
- d. Use of documents
- e. Case Study
- f. Interview Schedule
- g. Questionnaire

Unit:5

- a. Methods of Dating and their relevance in prehistoric archaeology
- b. Stone tools technology and typology
- c. Meaning of civilization and main centers of civilization
- d. Rise and Fall of Indus valley civilization
- e. Megalithic cultures of South India

Unit:- 6

- a. Man's place animal kingdom
- b. Theories of organic evolution
- c. Fossil evidences for emergence of man (Australopithecus, Pithecanthropus, Neanderthal Man and Cro-Magnon)

Unit:- 7

- a. Human Genetics : Mendelian Genetics in Man
- b. Methods for studies of Human Genetics in Man
- c. Race : Major races of mankind, criteria for racial classifications

Unit: - 8 Basic concepts of Medical Anthropology

- a. Health diseases, illness, healing, curing and therapy management
- b. Cultural identification of food, food classification and cultural images of body (ethno - physiology and ethno-anatomy); culture and malnutrition.

Unit: - 9 Tribal Cultures of India

- a. Concept of tribe
- b. Geographical distribution of Indian tribes
- c. Social organizations of Indian tribes
- d. Religious beliefs of tribes (animism, bongaism, naturalism, totemism, taboo, magic, ancestor-worship and polytheism).

Unit: - 10 Anthropological Theories

- a. Evolutionism, infusionism, Functionalism, Structuralism, Cultural materialism and Culture and personality

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