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SPOT ASSIGNMENT - 1

Programme Code No	: 223
Programme Name	: M.A. Anthropology – First Year
Course Code & Name	: MAY 11 – Introduction to Anthropology
Batch	: AY 2018-19
No.of Assignment	: One Assignment for Each 2 Credits
Maximum Marks	: 100
Weightage	: 25%

Part – A (4 x 10 = 40 Marks)

Answer the following in 200 words each. Each question carries 10 marks

1. Define Anthropology.
2. Explain the Characteristics of Primates.
3. List the stages of development.
4. Explain the human life ways.

Part – B (2 x 30 = 60 Marks)

Answer any two of the questions given below in 1000 words each.

5. Discuss the Relationship between Anthropology with other disciplines.
6. Explain the Anatomy of Man and Apes.
7. List out the stages of child hood.



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Answer the following in 200 words each. Each question carries 10 marks

1. Explain, how anthropology is related to other disciplines
2. What do you mean cultural change?
3. Define, what do you mean a complex society?
4. Define 6 types of kinship systems?

Part – B (2 x 30 = 60 Marks)

Answer any two of the questions given below in 1000 words each.

5. What is the scope and subject matter of anthropology?
6. Write detailed essay on human evolution.
7. Explain the theories of organic evolution.



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Answer the following in 200 words each. Each question carries 10 marks

1. Explain the physical characters of primates.
2. What are the great civilization's of the world?
3. What is the subject matter of Linguistic Anthropology?
4. Shifting cultivation — Explain.

Part – B (2 x 30 = 60 Marks)

Answer any two of the questions given below in 1000 words each.

5. How to you analysis of socio-cultural systems of a Tribe?
6. 11. How cultural change happened in a simple society?
7. 12. What are psychological changes happened in human growth?



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Part – A (4 x 10 = 40 Marks)

Answer the following in 200 words each. Each question carries 10 marks

1. Discuss the Darwinian Thoughts of Evolution.
2. Brief the classical evolutionism.
3. Discuss the L'evi Strauss's theory of Structuralism.
4. What is cultural materialism?

Part – B (2 x 30 = 60 Marks)

Answer any two of the questions given below in 1000 words each.

5. Explain the synthetic theory of evolution.
6. Discuss the post-modernism in Anthropology.
7. Elaborate the historical particularism with suitable examples.



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Answer the following in 200 words each. Each question carries 10 marks

1. What do mean organic evolution?
2. Explain post-modernism.
3. What do you mean culture?
4. Explain the cognition.

Part – B (2 x 30 = 60 Marks)

Answer any two of the questions given below in 1000 words each.

5. Explain Darwin theory of Evolution.
6. What do you mean by classical evolutionism? Explain with detail.
7. Explain the Neo-evolutionism.



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Answer the following in 200 words each. Each question carries 10 marks

1. What do you mean organic evolution?
2. Define structuralism.
3. Explain the contributions of D.N. Majumdar
4. What do you mean post-modernism?

Part – B (2 x 30 = 60 Marks)

Answer any two of the questions given below in 1000 words each.

5. Write a detailed note on evolutionary biology.
6. What do you mean classical evolutionism explain in detail?
7. Explain the functionalism according to Malinowski.

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No.of Assignment : One Assignment for Each 2 Credits
Maximum Marks : 100
Weightage : 25%

Part – A (4 x 10 = 40 Marks)

Answer the following in 200 words each. Each question carries 10 marks

1. Explain the ethnographical research.
2. What is Case study method?
3. Explain the research problem.
4. Explain the discourse analysis.

Part – B (2 x 30 = 60 Marks)

Answer any two of the questions given below in 1000 words each.

5. Explain the various types of observations.
6. What are the tools used for data collection? Explain with suitable examples.
7. Describe the anthropological research methods.



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Answer the following in 200 words each. Each question carries 10 marks

1. What do you mean key informants?
2. What do you mean research design?
3. What do you mean genealogies?
4. Explain the research project proposal.

Part – B (2 x 30 = 60 Marks)

Answer any two of the questions given below in 1000 words each.

5. What are the tool's of anthropological research?
6. What do you mean participant observation?
1. Explain in detailWrite a detailed note on qualitative and quantitative research methods.



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Answer the following in 200 words each. Each question carries 10 marks

1. What are the salient feature's of anthropology research?
2. What do mean participant observation?
3. What do you mean content analysis?
4. Discuss Filed work.

Part – B (2 x 30 = 60 Marks)

Answer any two of the questions given below in 1000 words each.

5. Write in detail about Ethnography and its structure.
6. Illustrates the difference between Qualitative and Quantitative research.
7. Explain nature of Content analysis and how it's important in social science research.

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Maximum Marks	: 100
Weightage	: 25%

Part – A (4 x 10 = 40 Marks)

Answer the following in 200 words each. Each question carries 10 marks

1. Explain the hand axe tradition.
2. Describe the Paleolithic cultures.
3. Write a note on 'Indus valley'.
4. Define the ethno-archaeology.

Part – B (2 x 30 = 60 Marks)

Answer any two of the questions given below in 1000 words each.

5. Explain the Indus valley civilization and its culture.
6. Elaborate the Narmada river basin.
7. Write a detailed note on harappa civilisation.



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Answer the following in 200 words each. Each question carries 10 marks

1. What do you mean proto history?
2. Explain Neolithic culture's with reference to Tamil Nadu.
3. Brief the Palaeo Anthropological evidences from Indian sub continent.
4. What do you mean foraging community?

Part – B (2 x 30 = 60 Marks)

Answer any two of the questions given below in 1000 words each.

5. What happened in Indus Valley civilization? Explain.
6. What happened in Paleolithic, Mesolithic and Neolithic ages in India?
7. Explain the Sohan valley?



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Answer the following in 200 words each. Each question carries 10 marks

1. What do you mean Pre-History?
2. What is the scope of Ethno-archaeology?
3. Define caste system.
4. What do you mean a peasant community?

Part – B (2 x 30 = 60 Marks)

Answer any two of the questions given below in 1000 words each.

5. Explain the ethnic and linguistic elements in the Indian population.
6. What do you mean social system? Explain with Indian communities.
7. Explain about Indian “culture and civilization”.

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Weightage	: 25%

Part – A (4 x 10 = 40 Marks)

Answer the following in 200 words each. Each question carries 10 marks

8. What do you mean Meiosis?
9. Explain bipedalism.
10. Explain Oogenesis.
11. Write a note on DNA

Part – B (2 x 30 = 60 Marks)

Answer any two of the questions given below in 1000 words each.

12. Write in detail note on mechanism of Mitosis.
13. Illustrates the Interphase — Gametogenesis.
14. Write a note on Scapula and its structure with diagram.



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Answer the following in 200 words each. Each question carries 10 marks

1. What is the scope of biological anthropology?
2. What do you mean forensic anthropology?
3. Categorize the biological morphology.
4. How human being got erect posture?

Part – B (2 x 30 = 60 Marks)

Answer any two of the questions given below in 1000 words each.

5. Write the types of bones in human body.
6. What do you mean physical evolution?
7. Man is a biological animal? Explain.



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Answer the following in 200 words each. Each question carries 10 marks

8. Explain the biological anthropology.
9. Explain the cell cycle.
10. What is external morphology?
11. Describe the human skeleton

Part – B (2 x 30 = 60 Marks)

Answer any two of the questions given below in 1000 words each.

12. Biological anthropology related with other sciences and allied fields — Discuss.
13. Explain the structure of the animal cells.
14. Explain the functions of human skeleton.