

M.A. SOCIAL ANTHROPOLOGY
(Face-to-Face)

Term-End Examination
December, 2009

MASA-01 (S) : HISTORY OF SOCIAL
ANTHROPOLOGY

Time : 3 hours

Maximum Marks : 100

Weightage : 70%

*Note : Attempt **any five** questions. Each question carries **equal** marks.*

1. Discuss the emerging meaning and scope of Social Anthropology in contemporary times. 20
2. Discuss unilinear evolution as propounded by Morgan and Tylor. 20
3. Discuss the emergence of "Neo-evolutionism" as a theory. Describe the contributions of White and Steward in this regard. 20
4. Discuss the contributions of Franz Boas with special reference to Historical Particularism. 20
5. Critically examine the structure functional theory in Social Anthropology. 20

6. Discuss the contributions of Claude Levi-Strauss. 20
7. Discuss the recent trends in Symbolic Anthropology. 20
8. Write short notes on *any two* : 20
- (a) Field Work Tradition in Anthropology.
 - (b) Nomothetic and Idiographic Inquiry.
 - (c) Comparative Method.

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MASA-02 (S) : KINSHIP, LAND & TERRITORY

Time : 3 hours

Maximum Marks : 100

Weightage : 70%

Note : Answer any five questions. All questions carry equal marks.

1. Discuss the role of Alliance Theory in understanding Kinship Networks. Compare it with the theory of Descent. 20
2. Give an account of Marcel Mauss concepts of 'gift' and 'prestation' in archaic societies. How will you read these concepts in the contexts of modern and urban societies ? 20
3. Explain the concepts of tribe, region, and nation in the context of the Indian State. 20
4. Critically examine the definitions, forms and functions of Marriage. Give examples from tribal India. 20

5. Critically examine the contributions of L.H. Morgan to the study of Marriage and Kinship. 20
6. Illustrate the distinct features of Dravidian and Indo-Aryan Kinship Systems. 20
7. Discuss the relevance of Kinship studies in Anthropology. 20
8. Discuss Romila Thapar's historical approach to the concept of 'Lineage to State'. 20

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