

CUET Anthropology Syllabus 2022



ANTHROPOLOGY (303)

Unit-1: Physical Anthropology:

- 1) Preliminary knowledge of Human genetics. Mendel's Laws of heredity Monohybrid and Dihybrid ratio.
- 2) Definition of Race and Racial criteria, significance of skin color, Eye form and colour, Head form, and ABO blood groups as racial criteria.
- 3) Racial classification, distinctive physical features, and geographical distribution of the major racial groups of man: Caucasoid, Mongoloid, Negroid and Australoid.

Unit-2: Prehistoric Archaeology:

- 1) Toolmaking: Techniques of manufacturing core and flake tools, primary and secondary flaking, pressure flaking, grinding, and polishing. Materials used in making prehistoric tools.
- 2) Tool families: Pebble tools, Hand axe, Cleaver, Scrapers, Microliths, Points, Blades, Awl, Graver, Celts, Sickles, Spearhead, Arrowhead and Bone tools.
- 3) Prehistoric Cultures: A brief outline of the following prehistoric cultures of the Palaeolithic, Mesolithic, and Neolithic periods-
- 4) A comparative study of the salient features of Palaeolithic and Neolithic cultures.

Unit-3: Material culture and economic Anthropology:

- 1) Economic life: meaning and aspects, characteristic features of primitive or simple economic system.
- 2) Subsistence economy: domestication of animals-pastoralism, agriculture-shifting cultivation, horti- culture, terrace cultivation and plough cultivation.
- 3) Brief outline of the methods of hunting, fishing, and agriculture with reference to Various communities of Northeast India as far as practicable.

Unit-4: Social Anthropology and Ethnography:

A : Social Anthropology :

- 1) Family: Definition, form and types: nuclear family, joint family, family of orientation, family of procreation, monogamous and polygamous (polygynous and polyandrous).
- 2) Clustered relationship in a nuclear family.
- 3) Rules of residence: Patrilocal, matrilocal, neolocal, avunculocal, bi-local, matrilocal. Rules of descent: Patrilineal and matrilineal descent.
- 4) Functions of family, social nature of family.

B : Ethnography :

- (i) A brief outline of the land and people of North-East India.
- (ii) Study of material culture and economic life of the following communities



- (iii) The Garo: Shifting or Jhum cultivation.
- (iv) The Mishing: Plough cultivation
- (v) A study of social organization of the Ao Naga and the Apatani.

Note: There will be one Question Paper which will have 50 questions out of which 40 questions need to be attempted.

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Unit-5: Ecology:

- (i) Meaning and definition of ecology and environment.
- (ii) Elements of the environment: Solid, liquid, and gas.
- (iii) Physical or abiotic environment, biological or biotic environment and socio-cultural environment.
- (iv) Man as the main agent to disturb the ecological balance.



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