

Syllabus for Anthropology Master's

Section 1: Subject Knowledge

Please Note: A Total of 40 Questions will be asked, combining the following topics, with the difficulty level commensurate to a Master's Candidate.

Unit I

Aim and scope of Anthropology, Relationship with other sciences, Different branches of Anthropology and their interrelationship, Concepts of epistemology, ontology and theoretical perspectives, Techniques of Analysis.

Unit II

Evolutionary Theories-Lamarckism, Neo-Lamarckism, Darwinism, Neo-Darwinism, Synthetic theory, Trends in Primate radiation; Primate classification and distribution of extinct and extant species, Pre-hominid groups, Hominid Evolution.

Unit III

Modern Human Variation, Overview of Classification proposed by Blumenbach, Deniker, Hooton, Coon, Garn and Birdsell, Ethnic Classification and distribution of Indian Populations, Methods of studying Human Genetics, Modes of inheritance, Population genetics: Hardy-Weinberg equilibrium, definition and application,

Unit IV

Human Growth, development and maturation, . Basic principles of growth; phases of growth: Prenatal and postnatal, Methods of studying human growth, Body composition, Human Adaptation: Allen's and Bergmann's rule; Human Adaptability Programme, Somatotyping, Demography.

Unit V

Concept of prehistoric archaeology; ethno-archaeology, experimental archaeology, environmental archaeology, settlement archaeology, cognitive archaeology, geo-archaeology, action archaeology, Theoretical paradigms, Paleoenvironment, Dating, Lithic tool typology and technology, Overview of Lithic Cultures of Europe.

Unit VI

Lower Palaeolithic Period in India, Middle Palaeolithic period in India, Upper Palaeolithic period in India, Mesolithic period in India, Neolithic Period in India, Bronze/Copper Age, Indus Civilization, Iron Age and Urban Revolution.

Unit VII

Conceptual Understanding of Social Anthropology: Culture, Society, Social Institutions, Family, Marriage, Kinship, Legal Anthropology, Belief System.

Unit VIII

Social Anthropology theories: Evolutionism, Diffusionism, Historical Particularism, Functionalism, Structural-Functionalism, Structuralism, Culture and Personality/Psychological Anthropology, Cultural Ecology, Environmental Anthropology, Neo-evolutionism, Postmodernism, Poststructuralism, Postcolonialism, etc.

Unit IX

Social Stratification, Indian Village and Village Studies in India, Sanskritization, Westernization, Modernization, Globalization, Sacred Complex, Nature-Man-Spirit Complex, Early Indian Anthropologists and their contributions.

Unit X

Forms of anthropology: Applied, Action, Engaged, Experimental, Urban, Public, Medical, Visual, Forensic, Food and nutritional, Business; Public archaeology; Anthropology of development; Genomic studies, Genetic screening and counselling; Ergonomics; Kinanthropometry; Community development, women and LGBTQ empowerment.

Section 2: Fundamental Research Skills

Please Note: A Total of 31 Questions will be asked, combining the following topics, with the difficulty level commensurate to a Master's Candidate.

1. Research Methodology
2. Reading and Writing
3. Qualitative analysis