

Anthropology- (303)

FOR THE YEAR 2026

Syllabus for NCET

ANTHROPOLOGY

Note:

There will be one Question Paper which will have 28 questions out of which 25 questions need to be attempted.

Unit-1: Physical/Biological Anthropology

- 1) Human Evolution: Theories of evolution (Darwinism, Lamarckism, Neo-Darwinism and Neo-Lamarckism); Living Primates and their features. Hominid evolution: Australopithecus, Homo habilis, Homo erectus, Homo sapiens neanderthalensis, and other Homo sapiens
- 2) Human Variation (Body size, Body shape, Skin color, Genetic traits).
- 3) Human Genetics: Mendelian Genetics (Laws of Inheritance), Dominant, recessive, sex-linked, sex-limited and sex-influenced traits. Monogenic, polygenic and multifactorial inheritance. Chromosomes and their aberrations.
- 4) Forces of Evolution, Genetic Drift, Mutation, Natural Selection and Gene flow.
- 5) Genetic Markers: Blood Groups (ABO, MN, Rh(D) and their distribution), DNA as a genetic marker in population diversity.

Unit-2: Archaeological Anthropology

- 1) Stone Age: Paleolithic, Mesolithic, Neolithic Cultures.
- 2) Development of tool typology and technology. Evolution of stone tool technology: Choppers, Hand Axes, scrapers, Blade Tools Microliths, celts unifacial and bifacial tools, Pottery.
- 3) Metal Age: Discovery and use of Bronze and Iron.
- 4) Stratigraphy, Archeological dating (Dating of sites and materials with relative and absolute (carbon 14 and potassium-argon dating methods).
- 5) Important Archaeological Sites (Sohan, Burzahom and Nevasa; Indus Valley Civilization.

Unit-3: Socio-Cultural Anthropology

- 1) Family types (Nuclear, Joint, Extended) and their Functions; Marriage: Cultural variation in forms of Marriage (Monogamy, Polygamy); Kinship: rules of Descent (Matrilineal, Patrilineal).
- 2) Concepts of Culture: Cultural Relativism, Ethnocentrism; Socialization and Cultural Change (Diffusion, Acculturation).
- 3) Functions of religion in Society; Beliefs: Totemism, Animism, Animatism, Magic, and Shamanism.
- 4) Subsistence Strategies: Hunting, Gathering and Agricultural practices.
- 5) Traditional Political Systems: Bands, Tribes, Chiefdoms; Power, Authority, and Social Control in Traditional Societies.

Unit-4: Linguistic and Tribal Anthropology

- 1) Language as a Cultural and Social Phenomena.
- 2) Linguistic and Cultural Diversity in India (festivals, house types, rituals and food habits)
- 3) Distribution and Characteristics of Tribes in India: Economic, Social, and Political Organization.
- 4) Major Indian Tribes (Santhals, Bhils, Gonds, etc.), Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTGs).
- 5) Social Movements: Features; Ecological, Class Based, Caste Based and Tribal Movements.

Unit-5: Social Change and Applied Anthropology

- 1) Caste System and Social Stratification in India.
- 2) Impact of Colonialism on Indian Society; Changes in Indian Society: Modernization and Globalization. Anthropology and development; Tribal development.
- 3) Role of Anthropology in Public Health and Personal Identification (skeletal material, blood groups and fingerprints).
- 4) Change and development in Industrial Society.
- 5) Challenges of Cultural Diversity.