



WEST BENGAL STATE UNIVERSITY
B.Sc. Honours 4th Semester Examination, 2023

ANTACOR08T-ANTHROPOLOGY (CC8)

NEW AND OLD SYLLABUS

Time Allotted: 2 Hours

Full Marks: 40

*The figures in the margin indicate full marks.
Candidates should answer in their own words and adhere to the word limit as practicable.*

NEW SYLLABUS

1. Answer any **two** questions from the following: (800-1000 words each) 10×2 = 20
 - (a) What is Cultural Ecology? Write in brief the concept of Multilinear Evolution as proposed by Julian Steward. 2+8
 - (b) Discuss the concept of Social Structure as proposed by Radcliffe Brown. 10
 - (c) Discuss the key ideas and principles of cultural materialism as proposed by Marvin Harris. How does cultural materialism emphasize the role of material and economic factors in shaping social and cultural phenomena? 3+7
 - (d) Describe the concept of 'Thick Description'. How does Thick Description contribute to our understanding of culture? 5+5

2. Answer any **one** question from the following: (300-400 words) 5×1= 5
 - (a) Discuss the contribution of B. Malinowski in the field of Anthropology.
 - (b) Discuss the impact of Ruth Benedict in the subject of Culture Pattern in Anthropology.
 - (c) Briefly describe the Universal Cultural Evolution.
 - (d) State the salient features of diffusionism.

3. Answer any **five** questions from the following: (25-30 words each) 2×5 = 10
 - (a) What is Social Theory?
 - (b) What is social fact?
 - (c) What is structural-functionalism?
 - (d) What is Cultural Relativism?
 - (e) Name any two books authored by Emile Durkheim.
 - (f) What is binary opposition?
 - (g) How does Clifford Geertz define culture?
 - (h) Write the three major stages of evolution proposed by L. H. Morgan.

- (i) What is Historical Particularism?
 (j) Write any two criticisms of Classical Evolution.

4. Choose the correct options from the following:

1×5 = 5

- (a) E. B. Tylor proposed the concept of
 (i) Cultural Relativism (ii) Structural Functionalism
 (iii) Psychic Unity of Mankind (iv) Historical Particularism
- (b) Which anthropologist is known for his theory of Unilinear Evolution?
 (i) E. B. Tylor (ii) Franz Boas
 (iii) Radcliffe Brown (iv) B. Malinowski
- (c) The Book 'Savage Mind' was authored by
 (i) B. Malinowski (ii) Ruth Benedict
 (iii) C. Levi Strauss (iv) E. B. Tylor
- (d) Who is the scholar from British school of Diffusionism?
 (i) L. H. Morgan (ii) W. H. R. Rivers
 (iii) E. B. Tylor (iv) V. G. Childe
- (e) Who among the following is the author of the Book 'Coming of Age in Samoa'?
 (i) M. Harris (ii) M. Mead
 (iii) R. Benedict (iv) R. Linton

OLD SYLLABUS

1. Answer any *two* questions from the following within 800-1000 words each: 10×2 = 20
- (a) What do you mean by Anthropological theory? Discuss the importance of theory in the study of Anthropology. 3+7
- (b) Discuss Radcliffe Brown's structural-functionalism approach. 10
- (c) What is functionalism? Evaluate Malinowski's contribution to functionalism. 3+7
- (d) Compare and contrast the perspectives of Leslie White and Julian Steward within the framework of Neo Evolutionism. 5+5
2. Answer any *one* question from the following within 300-400 words: 5×1 = 5
- (a) Discuss the concept of social structure as proposed by C. Levi Strauss.
- (b) Write a brief note on the interpretive approach of Clifford Geertz.
- (c) State the contribution of E. B. Tylor in the field of Classical Evolution.
- (d) Discuss Franz Boas concept of historical particularism.
3. Answer any *five* questions from the following within 25-30 words each: 2×5 = 10
- (a) What is Cultural Relativism?
- (b) What is Social Fact?
- (c) What is Historical Particularism?

- (d) Name three stages of Evolution proposed by L. H. Morgan.
- (e) Who proposed Cultural Materialism?
- (f) What is Cultural Ecology?
- (g) What is Multilinear Evolution?
- (h) Who are the leading theorist of Neo Evolutionary School?
- (i) Name two books authored by A. R. Radcliffe Brown.
- (j) What is symbolism?

4. Choose the correct answer from the following:

1×5 = 5

- (a) Who among the following is the proponent of 'cultural ecology'?
 - (i) Ralph Linton
 - (ii) A. R. Radcliffe Brown
 - (iii) Julian Steward
 - (iv) C. Levi Strauss
- (b) Who among the following is associated with Unilinear Evolution ?
 - (i) E. B. Tylor
 - (ii) J. Steward
 - (iii) Franz Boas
 - (iv) Ralph Linton
- (c) "Theory of Culture Change: the Methodology of Multilinear Evolution" the book was authored by
 - (i) Radcliffe Brown
 - (ii) Levi Strauss
 - (iii) E. B. Tylor
 - (iv) J. Steward
- (d) Who among the following proposed the 'Theory of Needs'?
 - (i) A. R. Radcliffe Brown
 - (ii) M. Harris
 - (iii) C. Geertz
 - (iv) B. Malinowski
- (e) The Book "Structure and Function in Primitive Society" is authored by
 - (i) E. B. Tylor
 - (ii) L. H. Morgan
 - (iii) Franz Boas
 - (iv) A. R. Radcliffe Brown

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