

Comprehensive Paper I (2025)

All questions carry Equal Marks. Candidates must attempt Qs 1 & 5 which are compulsory and any Three other questions selecting at least one Question from each section.

PART I

Difficulty Level: High

- Q 1 Write notes on the following in about 150 words 10x5=50
- a) Vere Gordon Childe's contribution to Anthropology
 - b) Totemism is religion based on Man-Nature continuities
 - c) Legacy of French political scientist Montesquieu.
 - d) New ethnography
 - e) Shaman, sorcerer, and medicine man
- Q 2
- a) "Anthropology has become too big to be left to Anthropologists alone" (Murray Last). Analyse the above statement. (20)
 - b) Culture makes Language or language makes culture. Substantiate your answer with suitable examples. (15)
 - c) Welfare economics, an idea fairly new to the 'modern west', has been a tradition in simple societies. Substantiate your answer with suitable examples. (15)
- Q3
- a) True unity is found in the recognition we are all sparks of the same eternal flame. Analyse this statement from 19th century anthropological tradition. (10)
 - b) Significance of 'Cow' in Indian society is not merely religious. Analyse the statement from a neo-functionalist point of view. (15)
 - c) Describe the evolution of fieldwork tradition in Anthropology. (15)
 - d) How have interpretation of written text changed from classical to contemporary writings in anthropological texts. (10)
- Q4
- a) Anthropology demands the open-mindedness with which one must look and listen, record in astonishment and wonder that which one would not have been able to guess. (Margaret Mead). Elaborate. (15)

- b) "Alliance is the basis of Kinship." (Levi-Strauss)
Analyse the above statement with examples. (20)
- c) First affluent societies. (15)

PART II

Difficulty Level: Moderate

- Q 5 Write notes on the following in about 150 words 10x5=50
- a) Allen's rule
 - b) Denisovans
 - c) La Chapelle aux Saints
 - d) Recombinant DNA Technology
 - e) Twin method
- Q 6
- a) Adaptation to High Altitude, a live proof of human evolution.
Analyse the above statement with examples (15)
 - b) Kinanthropometry (15)
 - c) Polygenic Inheritance (10)
 - d) Dryopithecus holds clue to human origins. Discuss (10)
- Q 7
- a) Homo erectus was too specialized to have been the ancestor of Modern Man." Critically Examine. (20)
 - b) Anthropology of Sports (15)
 - c) Hominization process (15)
- Q 8
- a) Race is a colonial construct. Analyse (15)
 - b) Importance of Haritalyangarh (15)
 - c) Mendelism and recent advances in Genetics (20)