

ANTHROPOLOGY

SYLLABUS FOR HIGHER SECONDARY FIRST YEAR COURSE

One Paper

Time : Three hours

Marks : 100

Unitwise Distribution of Marks & Periods :

Unit	Topics	Marks	Periods
Unit-I:	Introduction	10	20
Unit-2:	Physical Anthropology	40	60
Unit-3:	Prehistoric Archaeology	20	40
Unit-4:	Cultural Anthropology	15	30
Unit-5:	Social Anthropology	15	30
Total :		100	180

Unitwise Distribution of Course Contents:

Unit-I : Introduction to Anthropology (10 Marks)

- (i) Definition and Meaning of Anthropology
- (ii) Major Branches of Anthropology
- (iii) Scope and objective of the subject
- (iv) Anthropology as a specific discipline and its relations with other disciplines.

Unit-2 : Physical Anthropology

(A) Human Anatomy (10 Marks)

- (i) A general study of the Human skeleton to understand the position and articulation of various bones with special reference to the skull, the vertebral column and the femur.
- (ii) Definition and dental formula-milk teeth and permanent teeth, age of onset of teeth.

(B) Taxonomy (15 Marks)

- (i) Man's place in the animal kingdom in brief
- (ii) Man as a Mammal-characteristics of mammals. its classification upto order.
- (iii) Man as a primate, distinguishing features of the primates, primitive and higher primates, classification of the living primates according to Simpson.
- (iv) Platyrrhine and catarrhine monkeys, difference between them.
- (v) A brief study of hylobatidae and pongidae.
- (vi) Distinguishing characters of Man.

(C) Human Evolution (15 Marks)

- (i) Definition and meaning of organic evolution
- (ii) A brief discussion on evolution of Man on the basis of fossil records of
 - (a) Australopithecus africanus
 - (b) Pithecanthropus erectus,
 - (c) Homo neanderthalensis and
 - (d) Old man of Cro-Magnon.

Unit-3 : Prehistoric Archaeology

(Marks : 20)

- (i) Meaning and definition of prehistoric archaeology,
- (ii) Sources and methods of studying prehistoric archaeology: Geological method, Palaeontological method, Archaeological method.
- (iii) Brief outline on the methods of dating the past.
- (iv) Preliminary knowledge of geological time scale and of Pleistocene climatic conditions, the great ice age.

Unit-4 : Cultural Anthropology :

(Marks : 15)

- (i) Meaning and anthropological concept of culture
- (ii) E.B. Tylor's definition of culture
- (iii) Material and non material aspects of culture
- (iv) Environment and culture, influence of physical environment on culture.

Unit-5 : Social Anthropology :

(Marks : 15)

- (i) Definition, meaning and concept of human society.
- (ii) Basic features of human society.
- (iii) Principles of social groupings.
- (iv) Salient features of simple and advanced society.

