

PSG COLLEGE OF ARTS & SCIENCE
(AUTONOMOUS)
BA DEGREE EXAMINATION DECEMBER 2025
(Third Semester)

Branch - **SOCIOLOGY**
SOCIAL ANTHROPOLOGY

Time: Three Hours

Maximum: 75 Marks

SECTION-A (10 Marks)

Answer ALL questions

ALL questions carry EQUAL marks

(10 × 1 = 10)

Module No.	Question No.	Question	K Level	CO
1	1	How do Anthropologists contribute to medical research? (i) By conducting economic forecasts (ii) By analyzing cultural factors that influence human health (iii) By managing finance (iv) By conserving environmental resources	K1	CO1
	2	What is the genealogical method in Anthropology? (i) Studying family relationships and kinship patterns (ii) Comparing different cultures to identify patterns and variations (iii) Analyzing historical records to understand cultural development (iv) Examining the functions of different cultural practices	K2	CO1
2	3	What is a Lineage? (i) A group of people tracing descent from a common ancestor (ii) A group of people related by marriage (iii) A group of people living in the same household (iv) A group of people sharing a common culture	K1	CO3
	4	What is Endogamy? (i) The practice of marrying outside one's own social group or community (ii) The practice of marrying within one's own social group or community (iii) The practice of marrying someone of a higher social status (iv) The practice of marrying someone of a lower social status	K2	CO3
3	5	What is Pastoralism? (i) A form of agriculture that involves the use of permanent fields (ii) A form of agriculture that involves the use of temporary fields (iii) A form of livestock herding that involves the movement of animals to different grazing areas (iv) A form of hunting and gathering	K1	CO4
	6	Who studied the Kula Ring in Anthropology? (i) Bronislaw Malinowski (ii) Claude Levi-Strauss (iii) Clifford Geertz (iv) Marshall Sahlins	K2	CO4
4	7	What is Totemism? (i) The worship of a single, all-powerful deity (ii) The belief in multiple deities with specific powers (iii) The belief that a particular animal or plant is sacred and serves as a symbol of a particular group or clan (iv) The belief in the power of magic to influence the world	K1	CO5
	8	What is the definition of magic in the context of tribal societies? (i) The use of supernatural powers to influence the world (ii) The use of natural laws to influence the world (iii) The use of spiritual powers to influence the world (iv) The use of physical force to influence the world	K2	CO5
5	9	What is the primary function of religion in tribal societies? (i) To provide a means of economic subsistence (ii) To provide a means of social organization (iii) To provide a means of spiritual guidance and meaning (iv) To provide a means of political power	K1	CO2

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	10	What are the causes of displacement among tribal communities? (i) Development projects, mining, and deforestation (ii) Natural disasters, climate change, and conflict (iii) Government policies, land acquisition, and urbanization (iv) All of the above	K2	CO2
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SECTION - B (35 Marks)

Answer ALL questions

ALL questions carry EQUAL Marks (5 × 7 = 35)

ALL questions carry EQUAL Marks (3 × 7 = 21)

Module No.	Question No.	Question	K Level	CO
1	11.a.	Sketch out the role of Anthropology in understanding cultural diversity.	K3	CO1
	(OR)			
	11.b.	Elucidate the similarities and differences between participant observation and non-participant observation in Anthropological research.		
2	12.a.	Explain the various forms of marriage.	K3	CO3
	(OR)			
	12.b.	State the salient features of the different types of descent systems.		
3	13.a.	Narrate the role of Symbiotic exchange and Kula Ring trade in primitive societies.	K4	CO4
	(OR)			
	13.b.	Explicate the different forms of political organizations that existed in primitive societies.		
4	14.a.	Portray the key features and significant functions of religion in Tribal Societies.	K4	CO5
	(OR)			
	14.b.	Point out the relationship between magic and science in tribal societies in India.		
5	15.a.	Put forth role of economic programs in promoting tribal welfare.	K5	CO3
	(OR)			
	15.b.	Bring out the effectiveness of the assimilation approach to tribal welfare.		

SECTION -C (30 Marks)

Answer ANY THREE questions

ALL questions carry EQUAL Marks (3 × 10 = 30)

Module No.	Question No.	Question	K Level	CO
1	16	Discuss the nature and scope of Anthropology.	K3	CO1
2	17	Evaluate the significance of kinship in tribal societies, considering its role in social organization, economic support, and cultural transmission.	K3	CO3
3	18	Analyze the economic systems of Indian tribes, focusing on their survival strategies, division of labor, and trade networks.	K4	CO4
4	19	Compare the various forms of religion and highlight their similarities and differences.	K4	CO5
5	20	Evaluate the role of government policies in promoting tribal welfare in India.	K5	CO2

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