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MASTER OF ARTS (ANTHROPOLOGY)
Second Semester Course (Compulsory)

MAN 108 Research Methods in Anthropology-I

Assignments
January 2026 cycle

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Programme Code: MAANY

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Dear Student,

You must have gone through the Programme Guide for the Master of Arts (Anthropology) (MAANY) and noted that the assignment for each course is compulsory. Each assignment has been prepared covering the entire course. It will benefit you to write the answers in your own words, as it gives more clarity.

Another point which you should remember while answering is the word limit; it should be maintained. There are different types of questions in the assignment: long answers (20 marks) and short answers (10 marks). The questions have been designed so that you are able to answer methodically and comprehensibly. It is advisable to consult your Academic Counsellors in the Learner Support Centres before starting these assignments to clear any doubts or even if you wish to discuss your answers.

Assignments must be submitted to the Coordinator of your Learner Support Centre. Always keep a photocopy of the assignment submitted. Take an acknowledgement receipt for the assignment submitted and retain it. Some of the study centres accept assignments via mail, Google Forms, or other digital means. Therefore, the learners are advised to follow the instructions of your Regional Centre/Study Centre.

The assignments would be returned to you after evaluation. The Learner Support Centre sends the marks to the Students Evaluation Division at IGNOU, and these marks would be entered into your grade card.

Guidelines for doing Assignments

It is worth keeping in mind the following points while attempting the Assignments:

Planning: Go through the assignments very carefully. Read the units on which they are based. Note important points regarding each question and then rearrange them in a logical order.

Organisation: Be cautious, selective and analytical before drawing up a rough outline of your answer. In long answers, give adequate consideration to the introduction and conclusion.

Introduction should have a brief understanding of the question and then how you intend to develop it. The conclusion should summarise the answer to your question. The answers should be sound, clear, within the word limit and express your understanding of the subject.

Presentation: Once you are satisfied with your answer, you can write down the final version for submission; write each answer neatly and highlight/ underline the points you wish to emphasise.

Submission of Assignment

Before you take your Term End Examinations, it is compulsory to submit the assignment on the schedule mentioned. It is therefore advisable to follow the rules. A total of five assignments are required to be submitted in the first semester. Attempt one assignment at a time. Plan in such a way that you complete the assignment for the course you have read. Submit the assignment at your learner support centre and get back the assignment with marks and comments from the Counselor; it will give an idea of the preparation for that particular course. There is enough time; just plan to complete all the assignments on time. Proper planning and judicious execution is required to complete the work before the last date.

Last Date of Submission of Assignment

Admission batch	Last date of submission	Place of submission
For the students enrolled in January 2026	30 th October 2026	Coordinator of the Learner Support Centre

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MAN-108: Research Methods in Anthropology I

TUTOR MARKED ASSIGNMENT (TMA)

Course Code: MAN 108

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Total Marks: 100

Note: There are two sections 'A' and 'B'. Attempt five questions and at least two questions from each section. All questions carry equal marks. The word limit for 20 marks is 500 words and for 10 marks is 250 words.

SECTION- A

1. Explain the concept of scientific research and discuss the fundamentals of scientific research.
20
2. Define methods and methodologies. Discuss post-colonial methodologies and methods.
20
3. Examine the different types of research designs.
20
4. Write a note on tools and techniques used in anthropological research.
20
5. Write short notes: 10+10
 - a. Review of literature
 - b. Ethical concerns in research

SECTION-B

6. Give an overview of writing cultures. 20
7. Explain the various techniques of site survey used in archaeological exploration. 20
8. What is fieldwork? Examine the emergence and development of anthropological fieldwork. 20
9. Discuss descriptive statistics. 20
10. Write short notes: 10+10
 - a. Ethnographic analysis of artefacts
 - b. Primary and secondary data