

**Ph. D. IN ANTHROPOLOGY
(PHDAN)**

**Term-End Examination
December, 2025**

**RANE-102 : PERSPECTIVES IN SOCIAL
ANTHROPOLOGY**

Time : 3 Hours

Maximum Marks : 100

Note : Attempt any **five** questions. All questions carry equal marks. The word limit for 20 marks question is **500** words, for 10 marks question is **250** words and for 5 marks question it is **125** words. Attempt at least **two** questions from each Section.

Section—A

1. Trace the growth of social anthropology from Renaissance to the present. 20
2. Discuss how Positivism, Rationalism and Empiricism shaped anthropological thoughts. 20
3. Provide an account of the comparative method and its role in ethnography. 20

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4. Discuss how marriage and family reflect changes in kinship in contemporary societies. 20
5. Write short notes on any *four* of the following : 4×5=20
- (a) Evolutionism
 - (b) Diffusionism
 - (c) Post-structuralism
 - (d) Ethnology
 - (e) Postmodernism

Section—B

6. Compare the views of Evans-Pritchard and Gluckman on power and social order. 20
7. Present an account of religion as a system of beliefs, and symbols. 20
8. Discuss the role of caste dynamics in Indian society. 20
9. Discuss the performative dimensions of gender from a feminist perspective. 20
10. Describe and differentiate between any *two* of the following : 10+10
- (a) Ethnocentrism and cultural relativism
 - (b) Primary data and secondary data
 - (c) Caste and class

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