

2019

ANTHROPOLOGY

(Major)

Paper : 5.3

(Anthropology of Religion)

Full Marks : 60

Time : 3 hours

*The figures in the margin indicate full marks
for the questions*

1. Choose the correct option from the following :

1×7=7

- (a) In religion the belief in the spirit of the dead is known as superstition/animism/totemism/magic.
- (b) Tylor/Malinowski/Frazer labelled all types of magic as sympathetic.
- (c) The term 'rites of passage' was employed by B. Malinowski / J. Frazer / Van Gennep.
- (d) The most important theory about the origin of religion is fear theory/functional theory/evolutionary theory/force theory.

- (e) Durkheim opines that religion is a cultural/psychological/social fact.
- (f) Frazer/Tylor/Malinowski opined—"Both magic and religion are confidence building mechanisms."
- (g) Mediumistic men/shaman/priests are part time religious specialists.

2. Answer the following : 2×4=8

- (a) What are the two interests of anthropologist in the study of religion?
- (b) Show distinctions between rites and rituals.
- (c) Mention two basic concepts of diseases in primitive society.
- (d) Show the simple distinction between sorcery and taboo.

3. Answer any *three* of the following : 5×3=15

- (a) Discuss religion as a part of culture.
- (b) Write briefly on Marett's theory on religion.
- (c) Show distinctions between beliefs and practices.
- (d) Define benevolent spirits.
- (e) What are personified supernatural beings?

(3)

4. (a) What is the anthropological concept of religion? Discuss the role of religion in human society. 6+4=10

Or

Critically assess Anthony Wallace's classification of religion. 10

- (b) What is totem? Is totemism a social or religious phenomena? Discuss. 5+5=10

Or

What is magic? Discuss the relationship between magic and science. 2+8=10

- (c) Discuss the concept of disease and the healing practices in pre-literate societies. 10

Or

What is magic? Discuss the types and principles of magic. 3+7=10

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