

**DETAILED SYLLABUS FOR THE POST OF INVESTIGATOR
(ANTHROPOLOGY/SOCIOLOGY)
(KIRTADS) - Direct Recruitment**

[\(CAT.NO. : 185/2022\)](#)

Module 1 Anthropology (8 marks)

Franz Boas and the Fourfold classification of Anthropology - Socio-cultural Anthropology, Biological Anthropology, Linguistic Anthropology, and Archaeology. Tylor's contributions to the scientific study of culture. Definitions of culture. Anthropological Thought. Chronology in Archaeological Anthropology. Periodization in Prehistory. Relationship between Social Cultural Anthropology with Biological Anthropology and Archaeological Anthropology. Ergonomics and Anthropology.

Module 2 Ecology, Society and Culture (8 marks)

The development of Ecological Anthropology. Contributions of Roy A Rappaport. Ecological interpretations in the American Distributionism of Clark Wissler and A.L. Kroeber. Culture Area, Culture Circle, and Culture Climax. Environmental Determinism. Environmental Possibilism. Ecology. Cultural Adaptation of Julian H Steward. Relevance of Island Community Studies in Anthropology. Hunting Gathering Societies, Nomadic Communities, Fishing Communities, Pastoral Communities, and Peasant Communities. Transhumance.

Module 3 Anthropological Theories (8 marks)

Theoretical Developments and E.B. Tylor's contributions. Classical Evolutionists and Neo Evolutionists. Unilineal evolution, Multilinear evolution, and Universal evolution. British and German School of Diffusion. Functional theory of Malinowski. Kula system of the Trobriand Islanders. Patterns School of Thought and the contributions of Ruth Benedict. Margaret Mead and National Character studies. Analogy of organism in social structure. Structural linguistics and kinship studies. Structural models - Conscious models, Unconscious Models, Mechanical and Statistical Models. Indian Anthropological Theories: Tribe-Caste

Continuum. Sanskritisation, Dominant Community. Westernisation. Sacred Complex. Nature Man Spirit Complex. Universalisation, Parochialisation, Pecuniarisation.

Module 4 - Development Anthropology and Economic Anthropology

(8 marks)

Concepts of Development. Modernisation Theories, Human Capital theory, Dependency theories, Liberation theory. Utility approach, Opulence approach, Basic Needs approach, Capability approach. Human Development Index, Millennium Development Goals, Culture of poverty, Social Inclusion and Exclusion, Human Rights approach to poverty. Development of Economic Anthropology. Approaches to economic anthropology. Formalist and Substantivist controversy. Barter, Ceremonial Exchange, Reciprocity, Redistribution, Jajmani System and Market Exchange.

Module 5- Research Methods in Anthropology (8 marks)

Fieldwork tradition in Anthropology. Ethnography and New Ethnography. Ethnographic approach. Cultural Relativism. Notes and queries of Anthropology. Empirical Studies. Going Native and Malinowski. Participant Observation and Nonparticipant Observation, Key informant, Genealogical Method and W.H.R. Rivers, Pedigree, Case Study, Extended Case method. Restudy and Reinterpretation. Study of Culture at a Distance and Ruth Benedict. Anthropological Studies before and after Cultural Relativism.

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Module 1 - Origin and Development of Sociology (8 Marks)

Definition of Sociology and Sociological Imagination, Major Contributions of Karl Marx, Emile Durkheim, Max Weber and George Simmel. Expansion of Sociology in the 20th Century, Structural functionalism, Conflict perspective, Interactionist and Phenomenological Schools of Herbert Blumer, E. Goffman, E. Husserl and A Schutz, Critical theory of Habermas, Integrative theories of A

Giddens and Bourdieu, Post-modern and Post-structural theories of M Foucault, J Derrida.

Module 2- Sociology in India (8 Marks)

Scope and significance of Sociology in India, Indological, Marxian and Structural functional perspectives in Indian Sociology. Family, Kinship and marriage in India. Structural and functional variations. Joint- nuclear debate in Family studies. Nature of Family, marriage and Kinship in contemporary India. Studies on caste in India: Louis Dumont, Gail Omvedt, Subaltern Perspectives of Ambedkar and Kancha Illiah.

Module 3- Globalisation and development (8 Marks)

Historical and social context of globalization,-Features of globalization-Social impact and increasing inequalities. Economic development and environmental degradation. Depletion of Natural resources: water, land, minerals-Development induced displacement-Environmental pollution and waste management-Deforestation-Global warming. Gender issues in Development, Gender auditing, Poverty alleviation programmes in India, MNREGS, role of women in Panchayati raj institutions, Kudumbasree- Women empowerment programme in Kerala.

Module 4- Social Problems (8 Marks)

Violence against Women, Children and Elderly, Domestic violence, Child Abuse, Pocso Act, Malnutrition, problem of Dowry, Alcoholism, Drug Addiction, poverty, inequality, Unemployment, violence against minorities and backward communities, Problem of social exclusion and inclusion. Untouchability: historical and social roots. Problems of gender and sexual minorities, Religious fundamentalism and communalism.

Module 5- Social Research Methods (8 Marks)

Types of research: Different classifications of research based on: Purposes of Social Research: Exploratory; Descriptive, Explanatory, Methodology: Quantitative, Qualitative and Mixed methods, Outcome: Applied and Basic,

action, participatory. Basic Research Designs in sociology: cross sectional; longitudinal, and case study. Types of data: Primary and secondary. Basic steps in research

General Knowledge, Current Affairs & Renaissance in Kerala

(20 Marks)

I RENAISSANCE IN KERALA AND FREEDOM MOVEMENT

Towards A New Society

Introduction to English education - various missionary organisations and their functioning- founding of educational institutions, factories, printing press ± CMS Press etc.

Efforts To Reform The Society

(A) Socio-Religious reform Movements

SNDP Yogam, Nair Service Society, Yogakshema Sabha, Sadhu Jana Paripalana Sangham, Vaala Samudaya Parishkarani Sabha, Samathwa Samajam, Islam Dharma Paripalana Sangham, Prathyaksha Raksha Daiva Sabha, Sahodara Prasthanam etc.

(B) Struggles and Social Revolts

Upper cloth revolts, Channar agitation, Vaikom Sathyagraha, Guruvayoor Sathyagraha, Paliyam Sathyagraha, Kuttankulam Sathyagraha, Temple Entry Proclamation, Temple Entry Act, Malayalee Memorial, Ezhava Memorial etc.

Malabar riots, Civil Disobedience Movement, Abstention movement etc.

Role Of Press In Renaissance

Malayalee, Swadeshbhimani, Vivekodayam, Mithavadi, Swaraj, Malayala Manorama, Bhashaposhini, Mathrubhoomi, Kerala Kaumudi, Samadarsi, Kesari, Al-Ameen, Prabhatam, Yukthivadi, Deepika ± Nasrani Deepika, etc

Awakening Through Literature

Novel, Drama, Poetry, *Purogamana Sahithya Prasthanam, Nataka Prashtanam*, Library movement etc

Women And Social Change

Parvathi Nenmenimangalam, Arya Pallam, A V Kuttimalu Amma, Lalitha Prabhu, Akkamma Cheriyan, Anna Chandi, Lalithambika Antharjanam and others

Leaders Of Renaissance

Thycaud Ayya Vaikundar, Sree Narayana Guru, Ayyan Kali, Chattampi Swamikal, Brahmananda Sivayogi, Vagbhadananda, Poikayil Yohannan (Kumara Guru) Dr Palpu, Palakkunnath Abraham Malpan, Mampuram Thangal, Sahodaran Ayyappan, Pandit K P Karuppan, Pampadi John Joseph, Mannathu Padmanabhan, V T Bhattathirippad, Vakkom Abdul Khadar Maulavi, Makthi Thangal, Blessed Elias Kuriakose Chavara, Barrister G P Pillai, TK Madhavan, Moorkoth Kumaran, C. Krishnan, K P Kesava Menon,

Dr.Ayyathan Gopalan, C V Kunjuraman, Kuroor Neelakantan Namboothiripad, Velukkutty Arayan, K P Vellon, P K Chathan Master, K Kelappan, P. Krishna Pillai, A K Gopalan, T R Krishnaswami Iyer, C Kesavan. Swami Ananda Theerthan , M C Joseph, Kuttippuzha Krishnapillai, Nidheerikkal Manikathanar and others

Literary Figures

Kodungallur Kunhikkuttan Thampuran, KeralaVarma Valiyakoyi Thampuran, Kandathil Varghese Mappila. Kumaran Asan, Vallathol Narayana Menon, Ulloor S Parameswara Iyer, G Sankara Kurup, Changampuzha Krishna Pillai, Chandu Menon, Vaikom Muhammad Basheer. Kesav Dev, Thakazhi Sivasankara Pillai, Ponkunnam Varky, S K Pottakkad and others

II General Knowledge and Current Affairs