Revised Syllabus 2008 – 2009

F.Y.B.A. – ANTHROPOLOGY

G – 1 Introduction to Social and Cultural Anthropology

First Term

1. Introduction 16 Lectures
   a) Meaning, Nature, Scope and Uses of Anthropology
   b) Main branches of Anthropology: Social, Cultural and Physical
   c) Relationship of Anthropology: With Sociology, Psychology, History and Biology
   d) Characteristics of Anthropology:
      i. The holistic/comprehensive study of Man
      ii. The comparative perspective
      iii. The study of primitive communities
      iv. The science of Man
   e) Human origin and evolution – stages of human evolution, Physical and Cultural
      Aspects of human evolution, concept of race and human variation

2. Social organization 16 Lectures
   a) The Family-
      • Definition
      • Types – Patrilineal, Matrilineal
      • Characteristics, functions of joint and nuclear
   b) The Marriage
      • Definitions, functions and characteristics
      • Rules of exogamy and endogamy
      • Age at marriage among Adivasis
      • Preferential types of marriage
      • Cross cousin, Levirate and Sororate
      • Divorce – the customary practice among the Tribals
      • Orthodox and un-orthodox means of marriage
   c) The Kinship
      • Family, Kin, Clan
      • Types of kin
      • Clan and kinship system
      • Functions of clan and kinship
      • Kinship behaviour – avoidance, teknonymy, joking relationship, avunculate, couvades

3. Political Organization 16 Lectures
   a) Definitions and nature
   b) Nature of deviance – Culture specific – Traditional
   c) Means of social control
   d) Law and justice
   e) Punishments
   f) Nature of Tribal leadership – Headmen (indigenous), hereditary etc
Second Term

4. Economic Organization 14 Lectures

a) Characteristics of primitive economic system
b) Types of economic activities
c) Types and stages of economy – Hunting and gathering, pastoralism, shifting cultivation and settled agriculture among tribal communities
d) The concept of property and inheritance

5. Religious Organization 14 Lectures

a) Religion: Definition, belief and rituals
b) Religion and science
c) Forms of religion: Animism, Animatism, Nature worship
d) Totem, taboo, Shaman (Bhagat)
e) Magic – White magic, black magic, characteristics and aims of magic

6. Culture 20 Lectures

a) The study of society and culture
   All aspects of culture – inter relationships among these aspects – the primitive society
b) The concept of culture
   i. Definitions of culture – general, E.B. Tylor, Iravati Karve
   ii. The four elements of culture
   iii. The attributes of culture
   iv. Culture and personality, culture and cultivation
   v. Material and non-material aspects of culture
   vi. Features of Indian civilization and culture
   vii. The concept of cultural lag
   viii. Race and racism – Race, culture and environment

PREScribed BOOKS –
1. Manavshastra: Samajik Va Sanskritik – Y.S. Mehendale (Marathi Book)
2. Manavshastra – N.S. Vaidya (Marathi Book)
3. Samajik Manavshastra – Vilas Sangye (Marathi Book)
4. Aadim – Dr. S.S. Kulkarni (Marathi Book)
5. Introduction to Social Anthropology – Mazumdar & Madan
6. Origin of Man and His Culture – S. Fucus

RECOMMENDED BOOKS –
1. Cultural Anthropology – Keesing & Keesing
2. Races & Culture of India – Mazumdar
3. Adivasis – Government of India
4. Sanskriti: Nisarga Ani Jeevan Shailee – Dr. S.S. Kulkarni (Marathi Book)