



National Officers Academy
Final Mock for CSS-2026
January 2026
ANTHROPOLOGY

TIME ALLOWED: THREE HOURS
PART-I(MCQS): MAXIMUM 30 MINUTES

PART-I (MCQS)
PART-II

MAXIMUM MARKS = 20
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NOTE:

- i. **Part-II** is to be attempted on the separate **Answer Book**.
- ii. Attempt **ONLY FOUR** questions from **PART-II**. **ALL** questions carry **EQUAL** marks.
- iii. All the parts (if any) of each Question must be attempted at one place instead of at different places.
- iv. Write Q. No. in the Answer Book in accordance with Q. No. in the Q. Paper.
- v. No Page/Space be left blank between the answers. All the blank pages of Answer Book must be crossed.
- vi. Extra attempt of any question or any part of the question will not be considered.

PART-II

Q. 2: Explain Consanguineal, Affinal, Fictive kinship and discuss the concept of ego with its significance in kinship analysis, support your arguments with anthropological examples.

Q. 3: Compare Talal Asad's views on religion with Clifford Geertz's symbolic approach. Moreover explain, how does Talal Asad's work reshape the boundaries between religion, politics, and secularism?

Q. 4: Analyze how evolutionism shaped early anthropological thought and discuss its major limitations, also, critically examine the concept of culture as a "text."

Q. 5: Analyze Clifford Geertz's interpretive anthropology as a shift from positivism, also discuss the implications of reflexivity for anthropological research.

Q. 6: Discuss cultural relativism in the context of human rights debates, also analyze the tension between universalism and relativism in anthropological thought.

Q. 7: Discuss anthropology's relevance and contribution in understanding globalization and public policy formulation.

Q. 8: Write a short note on **FOUR** of the following:-
1. Participant observation
2. Ethnography
3. Key informant
4. Genealogical method
5. Case study method
6. Comparative method

Best of Luck for CSS2026