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Paper: ANTH 515 Biological Diversity in Human Populations

Course: B.Sc. Anthropology

Semester: V

Time: 3 hours

Max. Marks: 75

Attempt any five questions. All questions carry equal marks.

- 1. Describe sources of genetic variation giving examples from human populations.
- 2. What are the three major racial divisions of mankind? Give the classification, physical features and distribution of Negroids.
- 3. What are the basic assumptions of Hardy-Weinberg law? Discuss its applicability and usefulness in human populations. Will it hold in relatively small populations?
- 4. Discuss the concept of polymorphism using examples of major human G6PD variants.
- 5. "Race is a biological reality and the ethnic group a cultural construct". Do you agree with the statement? Discuss the relevance of racial classifications in present context.
- 6. Giving suitable examples, explain how the cultural factors influence human biological variation.
- 7. Discuss the racial elements of Indian populations as suggested by Guha. How his classification was an improvement of that given by Risley?
- 8. What do you understand by racial criteria? Describe various biological criteria for racial classification.
- 9. Write short notes on any two of the following:
 - a. PTC tasting ability
 - b. Sickle cell trait
 - c. Shifting balance theory
 - d. Finger ball pattern types