

Department of Humanities & Social Sciences, IIT Delhi

PhD Entrance Examination
Sociology
December 2018

Date: 3rd December 2018
Maximum Marks: 100

Venue: LH325
Duration: 2 hrs.

Answer **ANY TWO** Questions.

1. Ethnography has been described as being concerned with the 'microscopic' (Geertz) or the 'imponderabilia of actual life' (Malinowski). Write a short review of any recent ethnography or ethnographic text you have read. Your review should indicate the reason for your choice and why it qualifies as an ethnography, in light of the above framework.
2. The inside/outside dichotomy helps explain how gender is structured in many societies. Taking the example of any domain of social activity such as work, family or marriage discuss how this dichotomy might be limiting or false rendering invisible the connections between the two spheres and how it might symbolically shape and devalue women's status and role in social reproduction.
3. In the broader political-economy literature neo-liberalism is understood in the context of liberalization, privatization and globalization. How does the anthropological engagements with neo-liberalism differ from this and what are the variegated implications of neo-liberalism on different segments of India's population?

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