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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3861
(TO BE ANSWERED ON 11.12.2019)

ANTHROPOLOGY AS OPTIONAL SUBJECT

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Will the **PRIME MINISTER** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether certain optional subjects like anthropology are favoured in the civil services examination (Mains) and others like philosophy are awarded lesser marks;
- (b) if not, the details of the process by which inter-optional parity and inter-subject moderation is ensured;
- (c) whether a model answer key is given to the examiner for General Studies and Essay; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the manner in which subjectivity of the examiner is removed from the process ?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES
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(DR. JITENDRA SINGH)**

(a): No, sir.

(b): The UPSC has informed that inter-subject moderation is done in Civil Services (Main) Examination in order to bring parity amongst candidates opting for different subjects, as their optional papers to alleviate differences (if any) cropping up due to differences in the scope and coverage of the syllabi, the difficulty level of the question-papers, and the standards of evaluation. This is done to ensure a level playing field for all candidates.

(c): No, sir.

(d): The UPSC has informed that the subjectivity of the examiner is removed from the process of evaluation by the head examiner, who closely supervises the evaluation of examiner and ensures uniform evaluation of the paper/subject by active participation in the evaluation process.
