Personal Identification

Identification is the determination of the individuality of a person based on certain physical characteristics.

IDENTIFICATION IS NECESSARY IN:

(1) Living persons.

(2) Recently dead persons.

(3) Decomposed bodies.

(4) Mutilated and burnt bodies

(5) Skeleton.

It is necessary:

(1) In criminal cases like persons accused of assault, murder, rape, etc., interchange of newborn babies in hospitals, impersonation, etc.

(2) In civil cases like marriage, inheritance, passport, insurance claims, disputed sex, missing persons, etc.

**The following points are usually seen for the purpose of identification:**

**1. Race**

**2. Sex**

**3. Age**

**4. Complexion and features**

**5. Hair**

**6. Anthropometry**

**7. Dactylography and footprints**

**8. Deformities**

**9. Scars**

**10. Tattoo marks**

**11. Occupation marks**

**12. Handwriting**

**13. Miscellaneous methods of identification such as:**

**(a) Clothes and personal articles**

**(b) Speech and voice**

**(c) Gait**

**(d) Ticks, manners and habit**

**(e) Mental power, memory and education.**

**Note- Elaborate all the points in 2-3 lines.**