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Anthropology short notes

Analysis, interpretation and presentation of data.

UPSC Civil Services (Main) Examination · Anthropology Paper 1 · Anthropology GS 1 (Paper I)

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Short notes by official syllabus heading.

Revision notes for the Anthropology optional. Confirm thinkers and examples against standard texts and recent papers.

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Analysis**Definition**

Studies one culture deeply | Compares many cultures

Example / case study

Yadav caste has many sub-castes like Ahir, Gwala, Sadgop. Land alienation narratives in tribal communities. Joint Forest Management (JFM) under FRA 2006.

Thinkers

Hoebel | Anthropology and Sociology are closely related Evans-Pritchard | Social Anthropology is part of Sociology; Ethnology classifies cultures **Durkheim** | Influenced Functional Anthropology S. C. Dube | Historical context in Indian Anthropology E.B. Tylor - culture is that complex whole which includes knowledge, belief, art, morals, law, custom; unilinear evolution and survivals.

Definition

Shift: From tribal to village studies.

Example / case study

Margaret Mead and Derek Freeman gave contrasting interpretations of Samoa. 2. Researcher's identity(gender) matters. Malinowski and Annette Weiner produced different accounts of the Trobriand Islands. 4. Anthropology relies heavily on qualitative interpretation.

Thinkers

4. Evaluative Phase (1990-Present) (not Vidyarthi's original) James G. Frazer - The Golden Bough (comparative mythology). E.B. Tylor - culture is that complex whole which includes knowledge, belief, art, morals, law, custom; unilinear evolution and survivals.

Definition

Power dynamics within community.

Example / case study

Land alienation narratives in tribal communities. Male fruit flies' Y chromosomes die; females (XX) survive.

Thinkers

Clifford Geertz - "Thick description" in Balinese Cockfight.: Quantitative Data. James G. Frazer - The Golden Bough (comparative mythology). E.B. Tylor - culture is that complex whole which includes knowledge, belief, art, morals, law, custom; unilinear evolution and survivals.

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