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Q4(a)

Discuss the principles governing production, distribution and exchange in simple societies.

UPSC Civil Services Mains 2016 · Anthropology GS 1 · 20 marks · Economic Organization

3. Economic Organization: Meaning, scope and relevance of economic anthropology; Formalist and Substantivist debate; Principles governing production, distribution and exchange (reciprocity, redistribution and market), in communities, subsisting on hunting and gathering, fishing, swiddening, pastoralism, horticulture, and agriculture; globalization and indigenous economic systems.

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Numbers move. Confirm the latest Budget, Economic Survey or census round. This sheet is for revision, not a substitute for the model answer.

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Polanyi

Reciprocity, redistribution, market as forms of integration.

Mauss

The Gift: obligation to give, receive, and return.

Sahlins

Stone Age Economics: domestic mode and a typology of reciprocity.

Kula

Ceremonial exchange of armshells and necklaces around the Massim.

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