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Human adolescent growth spurt

UPSC Civil Services Mains 2021 · Anthropology GS 1 · 10 marks · Factors affecting growth and development

Factors affecting growth and development: genetic, environmental, biochemical, nutritional, cultural and socio-economic.

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Tanner

British auxologist whose stages and velocity charts remain the clinical and anthropological standard.

Peak height velocity

The fastest annual height gain; typically earlier in girls than in boys.

Secular trend

Earlier puberty and greater adult stature in many industrialising populations with better nutrition.

Life history

Human delayed reproduction and a late spurt fit a learning-intensive childhood.

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