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Q5(b)

The losses and gains of erect posture

UPSC Civil Services Mains 2021 · Anthropology GS 1 · 10 marks · Characteristics of Primates

1.5 Characteristics of Primates; Evolutionary Trend and Primate Taxonomy; Primate Adaptations; (Arboreal and Terrestrial) Primate Taxonomy; Primate Behaviour; Tertiary and Quaternary fossil primates; Living Major Primates; Comparative Anatomy of Man and Apes; Skeletal changes due to erect posture and its implications.

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Washburn

Linked bipedalism, tools, and hunting in the new physical anthropology.

Obstetric dilemma

Trade-off between bipedal pelvis and encephalised birth, still debated with energetics models.

Lordosis

Lumbar curve that stacks the trunk over the hips and predisposes to back pain.

Erectus

Long-legged bipedalism of Homo erectus shows the gain of range after the first hominin steps.

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