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Q5(d)

Shaman, sorcerer and medicine man

UPSC Civil Services Mains 2022 · Anthropology GS 1 · 10 marks · Religion

5. Religion: Anthropological approaches to the study of religion (evolutionary, psychological and functional); monotheism and polytheism; sacred and profane; myths and rituals; forms of religion in tribal and peasant Societies (animism, animatism, fetishism, naturism and totemism); religion, magic and science distinguished; magico-religious functionaries (priest, shaman, medicine man, sorcerer and witch).

Facts & figures for this PYQ only.

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Eliade

Shamanism as archaic technique of ecstasy, built from Siberian ethnography.

Evans-Pritchard

Witchcraft, Oracles and Magic among the Azande split witchcraft from sorcery.

Rivers

Medicine, Magic and Religion treated healers as part of social organisation.

Azande

Oracle and accusation make misfortune intelligible without dropping empirical herbal skill.

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