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Stages of human pre-natal development

UPSC Civil Services Mains 2022 · 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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Embryonic period

Roughly weeks 3 to 8, when major organs are laid down and teratogenic risk peaks.

Neural tube

Closes in the embryonic period; folate status is a public-health lever.

Foetal period

From week 9, dominated by size, lung readiness, and brain growth.

Tanner

Placed prenatal growth at the start of the human growth curve used in anthropology.

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