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Q7(c)

Discuss political and methodological aspects of national character studies. Elucidate the contemporary relevance of such studies.

UPSC Civil Services Mains 2023 · Anthropology GS 1 · 15 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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Ruth Benedict

Patterns of Culture and The Chrysanthemum and the Sword are the canonical national-character texts.

Culture at a distance

Wartime Columbia and related projects that studied enemy and allied nations without classic fieldwork.

Geoffrey Gorer

Wrote national-character essays, including on Russia and on American child-rearing, often cited as over-bold.

Modal personality

Kardiner and others' idea of a statistically common personality shaped by early institutions.

Ecological fallacy

Inferring that every citizen has the traits measured on a small or literary sample of a nation.

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