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Anthropology provides a multidimensional understanding of human beings by bridging the gap between science and humanities. Elucidate

UPSC Civil Services Mains 2025 · Anthropology GS 1 · 20 marks · Applications of Anthropology

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Four-field anthropology

Biological, socio-cultural, archaeological and linguistic wings as one training. This is the institutional form of the science-humanities bridge.

C. P. Snow, two cultures

The split between scientific and literary intelligentsia. Anthropology is often taught as a reply: one field, two toolkits.

A. L. Kroeber, superorganic

Culture as a level above the organism. Later biocultural work reopened that separation.

Biocultural approach

Treats human biology as historically and politically situated. Measurement plus ethnography on the same problem, such as nutrition or disease.

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