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Q7(c)

**Critically discuss the centrality of the African continent in the narrative of human evolution**

UPSC Civil Services Mains 2025 · Anthropology GS 1 · 15 marks · Cultural Evolution

(b) Cultural Evolution-Broad Outlines of Prehistoric cultures:

Facts & figures for this PYQ only.

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**Taung child**

Described by Raymond Dart in 1924. It placed australopithecines in Africa and challenged a European or Asian human origin.

**Lucy (A. afarensis)**

A Hadar fossil associated with Donald Johanson, a centrepiece of East African Pliocene hominin evolution.

**Out of Africa / recent African origin**

The model that living Homo sapiens originated in Africa and dispersed, replacing or absorbing other archaic populations outside Africa.

**Dmanisi**

An early Homo site in Georgia that shows very early movement out of Africa and warns against treating Eurasia as empty.

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