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Q8(a)**Compare Edmund Leach's structuralism with interpretive anthropology of Clifford Geertz**

UPSC Civil Services Mains 2026 · Anthropology GS 1 · 15 marks · Structuralism (Lévi-Strauss and E. Leach)

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Political Systems of Highland Burma (Leach, 1954)

Edmund Leach's seminal monograph demonstrating structural instability and shifting political equilibria among the Kachin.

The Interpretation of Cultures (Geertz, 1973)

Clifford Geertz's foundational collection of essays establishing interpretive anthropology and the methodology of thick description.

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