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Q8(c)**Discuss, with appropriate examples, how basic personality types may contribute towards building up of national character**

UPSC Civil Services Mains 2026 · Anthropology GS 1 · 20 marks · Family

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2.4 Family: Definition and universality; Family, household and domestic groups; functions of family; Types of family (from the perspectives of structure, blood relation, marriage, residence and succession); Impact of urbanization, industrialization and feminist movements on family.

Facts & figures for this PYQ only.

Numbers move. Confirm the latest Budget, Economic Survey or census round.

The Chrysanthemum and the Sword (1946)

Ruth Benedict's seminal wartime study commissioned by the US Office of War Information to understand Japanese culture and national character.

The Psychological Frontiers of Society (1945)

Abram Kardiner's foundational text outlining the psycho-cultural approach linking primary institutions, basic personality structure, and secondary systems.

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