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Q1(c)**Myth as oral literature.**

UPSC Civil Services Mains 2026 · Anthropology GS 1 · 10 marks · Tools of data collection

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(c) Tools of data collection: observation, interview, schedules, questionnaire, case study, genealogy, life-history, oral history, secondary sources of information, participatory methods.

Facts & figures for this PYQ only.

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

Functionalist Theory of Myth (Bronislaw Malinowski)

Posited that myth in primitive societies is not a mere tale, but a active living force that serves as a pragmatic charter for social action.

Structural Analysis of Myth (Claude Lévi-Strauss)

Demonstrated that myths are composed of units (mythemes) that combine in relational bundles to express underlying logical structures.

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