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Q7(c)**Write a detailed note on the characteristic features, chronology, geographical distribution, tool types and lifeways of Magdalenian cultural tradition of Europe**

UPSC Civil Services Mains 2026 · Anthropology GS 1 · 15 marks · Homo erectus

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(b) Homo erectus: Africa (Paranthropus), Europe (Homo erectus heidelbergensis), Asia (Homo erectus javanicus, Homo erectus pekinensis).

Facts & figures for this PYQ only.

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

Chronological Range

Dated approximately between 17,000 and 12,000 years Before Present (BP) during the Late Upper Paleolithic.

Type Sites

La Madeleine (Dordogne, France) serves as the eponymous type site for the culture.

Artistic Expression

Renowned for elaborate cave art sites such as Lascaux (France) and Altamira (Spain), alongside portable art.

Osseous Industry

Characterized by the extensive use of antler, bone, and ivory to manufacture barbed harpoons, spear throwers (propulseurs), and needles.

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