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Anthropology short notes

Numerical and structural aberrations (disorders).

UPSC Civil Services (Main) Examination · Anthropology GS 1 · Anthropology GS 1 (Paper I)

(a) Numerical and structural aberrations (disorders).

Short notes by official syllabus heading.

Revision notes for the Anthropology optional. Confirm thinkers and examples against standard texts and recent papers.

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Numerical And Structural Aberrations**Definition**

Theoretical Basis: It is often linked to ethno-primatology, which recognizes humans as part of the environment of other primates and examines their cultural and social interactions.

Example / case study

Cri-du-chat Syndrome (5p-) - deletion on short arm of chromosome 5. Micrognathia (small jaw), clenched fists with overlapping fingers.

Definition

Q.3(c) Differentiate between pedigree and genealogical analyses. Discuss the history and application of these methods in anthropological studies. (15 Marks)

Thinkers

Addictions: alcohol, tobacco, opium (Singhpos of Arunachal). Radcliffe-Brown: Used genealogies to reconstruct descent groups and social structure in Africa. Malinowski: Used them to understand kinship and land inheritance among the Trobriand Islanders. Claude Lévi-Strauss: Used genealogical/kinship data to develop Alliance Theory, focusing on marriage and exchange between lineages. India: S.C. Roy documented Oraon genealogies; Irawati Karve used genealogical mapping to study village kinship and exogamy in Maharashtra.

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