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Anthropology short notes

Social-cultural Anthropology.

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

(a) Social-cultural Anthropology.

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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Social-Cultural Anthropology**Definition**

Cultural Anthropology is the study of learned behaviour, beliefs, customs, traditions, institutions, and values of different human societies.

Example / case study

Analysis of Harappan weights and urban planning provides evidence not only about technology but also about economic organisation and social regulation. Material remains → scientific analysis → reconstruction of past human behaviour and institutions. 3. Linguistic Anthropology - Language + Worldview Linguistic anthropology studies the relationship between language, culture and society.

Thinkers

K. S. Singh | Tribal and historical studies Bronislaw Malinowski | Fieldwork; Cultural Anthropology Franz Boas | Cultural Anthropology; Historical Particularism Benjamin Lee Whorf | Linguistic Relativity

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Information is reconstructed almost entirely through archaeological evidence. Together they explain humans from biological, cultural, linguistic and historical perspectives. Anthropology today extends far beyond the study of tribes.

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E.A. Hoebel: "Anthropology is the study of man and his works."

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over-consumption of resources → karma teaches restraint. Lucia Michelutti (The Vernacularisation of Democracy, 2008) → Yadavs of UP link identity to Krishna descent. John Cort (Jains in the World, 2001) → Oswals consider themselves superior to other Jain castes (Shrimals, Porwals). Anuja Agrawal (Chaste Wives and Prostitute Sisters, 2008) → Bedia community narrates their Rajput origin despite prostitution as occupation.

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