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Anthropology short notes

Distinction between technique, method and methodology

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(b) Distinction between technique, method and methodology

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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Distinction Between Technique**Definition**

Technique, Method and Methodology

Definition

Mason Cooley: "Methodology is applied ideology."

Example / case study

Yadav caste has many sub-castes like Ahir, Gwala, Sadgop.

Thinkers

S.C. Roy (1871-1942) - First Indian Ethnographer Bronislaw Malinowski - participant observation; culture exists to satisfy biological and psychological needs. • Structural Functionalism - Radcliffe-Brown

Definition

Social Anthropology is a branch of sociology mainly devoted to the study of primitive societies.

Example / case study

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Thinkers

S.C. Roy (1871-1942) - First Indian Ethnographer E.A. Hoebel - Anthropology is the study of man and his works. A.R. Radcliffe-Brown - structural-functionalism: institutions function like organs to maintain social structure. Bronislaw Malinowski - participant observation; culture exists to satisfy biological and psychological needs.

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