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Anthropology short notes

The Nature of Culture

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

2.1 The Nature of Culture: The concept and Characteristics of culture and civilization; Ethnocentrism vis-a-vis cultural Relativism.

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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The Nature Of Culture

Definition

It is a historically created design for living.

The Concept

Definition

Q.6(b) "The agenda of biological anthropology became more scientific from the middle of the twentieth century." Justify. (15 Marks)

Example / case study

In human evolution, bipedalism evolved before a larger brain. 1□ Boundaries between modules are hard to define, as body traits are interconnected and influence one another. 3□ Cope's Rule(T: Like rope want to be larger) States that living species tend to evolve toward larger body size over time.

Thinkers

Feature | Clifford Geertz | Victor Turner

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