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Q3(c)

Describe the methods adopted by Sir Herbert Hope Risley in classifying Indian populations. What are the criticisms against Risley's classification?

UPSC Civil Services Mains 2022 · Anthropology GS 2 · 15 marks · Evolution of the Indian Culture and Civilization

1.1 Evolution of the Indian Culture and Civilization-Prehistoric (Palaeolithic, Mesolithic, Neolithic and Neolithic-Chalcolithic), Protohistoric (Indus Civilization). Pre-Harappan, Harappan and post-Harappan cultures. Contributions of the tribal cultures to Indian civilization.

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Nasal index

Breadth of nose divided by height; Risley's favourite race marker.

Census of India 1901

Administrative platform for Risley's racial ranking of castes and tribes.

Seven types

Risley's named Indian races, from Turko-Iranian to Dravidian.

B. S. Guha

Later census anthropologist whose own types still could not save Risley's caste-race equation.

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