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Dharma versus Religion

UPSC Civil Services Mains 2022 · Anthropology GS 2 · 10 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.

Facts & figures for this PYQ only.

Numbers move. Confirm the latest Budget, Economic Survey or census round. This sheet is for revision, not a substitute for the model answer.

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P. V. Kane

History of Dharmasastra treated dharma as a vast legal-ethical literature, not a single faith.

Louis Dumont

Read Indian social order through dharma and hierarchy rather than through a Western church model.

Article 25

Constitutional freedom of religion that courts apply to practices once classed as dharma.

Census

Colonial enumeration that asked Indians to name a religion, compressing sect and jati into one label.

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