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Q1(b)

Interface between Purushartha and Ashrama

UPSC Civil Services Mains 2023 · 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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Four purusharthas

Dharma, artha, kama, and moksha as the classical aims of human life in Hindu shastra.

Four ashramas

Brahmacharya, grihastha, vanaprastha, and sannyasa as staged duties across a male twice-born career.

P. V. Kane

Indological reconstruction of dharmashastra that treats ashrama as a developed ideal, not an early Vedic census.

Louis Dumont

Read the householder and the world-renouncer as complementary poles of Indian social ideology.

Irawati Karve

Kinship work showing that household and marriage organise ordinary life more than late-life renunciation.

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