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Prehistoric rock arts from Uttarakhand

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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Lakhudiyar

Painted rock shelter in Almora district, the principal published site of Kumaon prehistoric art.

Yashodhar Mathpal

Documented Kumaon rock paintings and compared them with Central Indian hunter-gatherer art.

K. P. Nautiyal

Garhwal-Kumaon archaeologist whose surveys placed hill shelters in a regional prehistoric sequence.

Pigments

Red ochre, white, and black on quartzite or sandstone overhangs above river valleys.

Bhimbetka comparison

Uttarakhand art is a smaller Himalayan set; style analogies with Vindhyan Mesolithic paintings are used in the absence of many direct dates.

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