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Origin of State Societies

UPSC Civil Services Mains 2024 · 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.

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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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Classic neo-evolutionary sequence: band, tribe, chiefdom, state, distinguished by kinship versus specialised office.

Early state

Claessen and Skalník: sacral kingship, tribute and incomplete bureaucracy as a type between chiefdom and mature state.

Harappan urbanism

Craft, weights, drainage and long-distance trade without a decoded royal archive; political form remains debated.

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