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Q2(b)

Delineate the major features of S. S. Sarkar's classification of Indian populations. Was his classification better than Risley? Explain

UPSC Civil Services Mains 2025 · 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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Risley types

Seven groups from Turko-Iranian to Dravidian, built on anthropometry and used in the 1901 census narrative.

S. S. Sarkar

Indian human biologist who classified populations with more weight on Australoid tribal bases and less on caste-as-race.

People of India

Anthropological Survey project that documented communities as cultural units rather than Risley races.

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