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Q1(a)

'Soanian cultural' tradition

UPSC Civil Services Mains 2025 · 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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Type region

Soan valley and **Potwar Plateau**, with Indian Siwalik extensions in Himachal, Punjab and Haryana.

Yale-Cambridge expedition

Helmut de Terra and T. T. Paterson named and staged the Soanian from terrace sequences in the 1930s.

Industry

Chopper-chopping tools and flakes on river cobbles; Acheulian bifaces are scarce in classic collections.

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