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Q2(c)**What are the evidences available regarding crops and domesticated animals of Indus Valley Civilization? What are the views of the scholars regarding Indus script?**

UPSC Civil Services Mains 2026 · Anthropology GS 2 · 15 marks · Evolution of the Indian Culture and Civilization

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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.

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Asko Parpola

Renowned Indologist who advanced the Proto-Dravidian hypothesis for deciphering the Indus script.

Iravatham Mahadevan

Compiled the comprehensive corpus of Indus seals and inscriptions, supporting the Dravidian linguistic affinity.

Bos indicus

The humped zebu cattle, which constituted the primary domesticated animal depicted on mature Harappan seals.

Steve Farmer

Co-author of the thesis arguing that the Indus symbols were non-linguistic ritual and administrative tokens.

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