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UPSC Mains 2015 Anthropology Paper 1

Questions only

<https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains/anthropology/gs-1/2015/>

Answer key at the end of this PDF

Attempt the paper first. After the last question, this pack closes with a compiled answer key: official letters in boxed exam order, then a question-wise list with Solution links to WRAP Exams.

Q1(a) • 10 marks

Archaeological Anthropology.

Topic • Archaeological Anthropology.

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/anthropology-gs-1/2015/archaeological-anthropology/>

Q1(b) • 10 marks

Society and Culture.

Topic • The Nature of Society

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Q1(c) • 10 marks

Incest Taboos.

Topic • Marriage

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/anthropology-gs-1/2015/incest-taboos/>

Q1(d) • 10 marks

Horticulture.

Topic • Economic Organization

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/anthropology-gs-1/2015/horticulture/>

Q1(e) • 10 marks

Historical Particularism.

Topic • Historical particularism (Boas)

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/anthropology-gs-1/2015/historical-particularism/>

Q2(a) • 15 marks

Elucidate the biological and cultural factors in Human Evolution

Topic • Biological and Cultural factors in human evolution.

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/anthropology-gs-1/2015/elucidate-the-biological-and-cultural-factors-in-human-evolution/>

Q2(b) · 20 marks

How did Morgan explain the evolution of marriage, family and Socio-Political organization, and how did other evolutionists disagree with his explanation?

Topic · Classical evolutionism (Tylor, Morgan and Frazer)

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/anthropology-gs-1/2015/how-did-morgan-explain-the-evolution-of-marriage-family-and-socio-political-organization-and-how-did-other-evolutionists-disagree-with-his-explanation/>

Q2(c) · 15 marks

How do diffusionism and evolutionism differ as explanations of Culture Change?

Topic · Historical particularism (Boas)

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/anthropology-gs-1/2015/how-do-diffusionism-and-evolutionism-differ-as-explanations-of-culture-change/>

Q3(a) · 15 marks

Define family and critically examine the universality of family

Topic · Family

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/anthropology-gs-1/2015/define-family-and-critically-examine-the-universality-of-family/>

Q3(b) · 15 marks

How do you relate the concepts of 'Sacred' and 'Profane' in Durkheim's theory of religion with a focus on the role of totem?

Topic · Religion

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Q3(c) · 20 marks

Explain the basic features of 'Postmodernism' in Anthropology

Topic · Post-modernism in anthropology.

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/anthropology-gs-1/2015/explain-the-basic-features-of-postmodernism-in-anthropology/>

Q4(a) · 20 marks

Critically examine the Formalists' and Substantivists' views on the applicability of economic laws in the study of primitive societies

Topic · Religion

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/anthropology-gs-1/2015/critically-examine-the-formalists-and-substantivists-views-on-the-applicability-of-economic-laws-in-the-study-of-primitive-societies/>

Q4(b) · 10 marks

Explain the difference between emic and etic, and how does the difference derive from the study of language?

Topic · Religion

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/anthropology-gs-1/2015/explain-the-difference-between-emic-and-etic-and-how-does-the-difference-derive-from-the-study-of-language/>

Q4(c) · 20 marks

What made Geertz's Interpretive Anthropology distinct from Turner's Symbolic Anthropology? What does each of them mean by the terms 'Symbol' and 'Symbolic'?

Topic · Symbolic and interpretive theories (Turner, Schneider and Geertz)

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Q5(a) · 10 marks

Palaeolithic culture.

Topic · Paleolithic

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Q5(b) · 10 marks

Down's Syndrome.

Topic · Autosomal aberrations

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Q5(c) · 10 marks

Longitudinal method of studying growth.

Topic · Distinction between technique, method and methodology

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Q5(d) · 10 marks

Menopause and its impact.

Topic · Relevance of menarche, menopause and other bioevents to fertility. Fertility patterns and differentials.

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/anthropology-gs-1/2015/menopause-and-its-impact/>

Q5(e) · 10 marks

DNA technology in Medicine.

Topic · Applications of Anthropology

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Q6(a) • 20 marks

Describe the salient characteristics and geographical distribution of Homo erectus

Topic · Homo erectus

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Q6(b) • 15 marks

Critically examine Darwin's theory of evolution in understanding evolution

Topic · Theories of Organic Evolution (Pre-Darwinian, Darwinian and Post-Darwinian).

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/anthropology-gs-1/2015/critically-examine-darwins-theory-of-evolution-in-understanding-evolution/>

Q6(c) • 15 marks

Discuss chromosomal aberrations in man illustrating with examples

Topic · Numerical and structural aberrations (disorders).

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Q7(a) • 20 marks

What is an anthropometric somatotype? Describe Heath and Carter's method of somatotyping

Topic · Ageing and senescence. Theories and observations

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Q7(b) • 15 marks

Critically examine the physiological responses and acclimatization to cold climate in Man

Topic · Concepts and methods of Ecological Anthropology: Bio-cultural Adaptations

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Q7(c) • 15 marks

Elucidate the role of Anthropology in selection and monitoring of sports persons

Topic · Applications of Anthropology

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Q8(a) • 20 marks

Forensic Science can help in criminal investigations. Discuss

Topic · Applications of Anthropology

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Q8(b) · 15 marks

Define genetic polymorphism. Give details of its types with suitable examples

Topic · Concept of genetic polymorphism and selection, Mendelian population, Hardy-Weinberg law

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Q8(c) · 15 marks

What do you understand by Immunogenetics? Explain with suitable examples

Topic · Mendelian genetics in man-family study, single factor, multifactor, lethal, sub-lethal and polygenic inheritance in man.

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Compiled answer key

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Q1(e) 10 marks	Q2(a) 15 marks	Q2(b) 20 marks	Q2(c) 15 marks
Q3(a) 15 marks	Q3(b) 15 marks	Q3(c) 20 marks	Q4(a) 20 marks
Q4(b) 10 marks	Q4(c) 20 marks	Q5(a) 10 marks	Q5(b) 10 marks
Q5(c) 10 marks	Q5(d) 10 marks	Q5(e) 10 marks	Q6(a) 20 marks
Q6(b) 15 marks	Q6(c) 15 marks	Q7(a) 20 marks	Q7(b) 15 marks
Q7(c) 15 marks	Q8(a) 20 marks	Q8(b) 15 marks	Q8(c) 15 marks

Question-wise key

Q1(a) · 10 marks Solution

Q1(b) · 10 marks Solution

Q1(c) · 10 marks Solution

Q1(d) · 10 marks Solution

Q1(e) · 10 marks Solution

Q2(a) · 15 marks Solution

Q2(b) · 20 marks Solution

Q2(c) · 15 marks Solution

Q3(a) · 15 marks Solution

Q3(b) · 15 marks Solution

Q3(c) · 20 marks Solution

Q4(a) · 20 marks Solution

Q4(b) · 10 marks Solution

Q4(c) · 20 marks Solution

Q5(a) · 10 marks Solution

Q5(b) · 10 marks Solution

Q5(c) · 10 marks Solution

Q5(d) · 10 marks Solution

Q5(e) · 10 marks Solution

Q6(a) · 20 marks Solution

Q6(b) · 15 marks Solution

Q6(c) · 15 marks Solution

Q7(a) · 20 marks Solution

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Q8(a) · 20 marks Solution

Q8(b) · 15 marks Solution

Q8(c) · 15 marks Solution

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