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UPSC Mains 2016 Anthropology Paper 1

Questions only

<https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains/anthropology/gs-1/2016/>

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

Differences between Social Anthropology and Sociology.

Topic • The Nature of Society

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/anthropology-gs-1/2016/differences-between-social-anthropology-and-sociology/>

Q1(b) • 10 marks

Cultural Relativism

Topic • The Nature of Culture

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/anthropology-gs-1/2016/cultural-relativism-2016/>

Q1(c) • 10 marks

Lineage and Clan

Topic • Kinship

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/anthropology-gs-1/2016/lineage-and-clan/>

Q1(d) • 10 marks

Totemism

Topic • Religion

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/anthropology-gs-1/2016/totemism/>

Q1(e) • 10 marks

Functionalism.

Topic • Functionalism (Malinowski)

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/anthropology-gs-1/2016/functionalism/>

Q2(a) • 20 marks

Delineate the salient features of Chalcolithic cultures.

Topic · Chalcolithic

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/anthropology-gs-1/2016/delineate-the-salient-features-of-chalcolithic-cultures-chalcolithic/>

Q2(b) • 15 marks

Discuss the impact of urbanization and feminist movements on family in India.

Topic · Family

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/anthropology-gs-1/2016/discuss-the-impact-of-urbanization-and-feminist-movements-on-family-in-india/>

Q2(c) • 15 marks

According to Geertz, how does the cock-fight reveal aspects of Balinese culture?

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

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/anthropology-gs-1/2016/according-to-geertz-how-does-the-cock-fight-reveal-aspects-of-balinese-culture-geertz/>

Q3(a) • 20 marks

Describe the cardinal points of descent and alliance theories.

Topic · Kinship

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/anthropology-gs-1/2016/describes-the-cardinal-points-of-descent-and-alliance-theories/>

Q3(b) • 15 marks

Discuss different social control mechanisms in simple societies.

Topic · Political Organization and Social Control

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Q3(c) • 15 marks

Critically examine different Anthropological approaches to Religion.

Topic · Religion

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Q4(a) • 20 marks

Discuss the principles governing production, distribution and exchange in simple societies.

Topic · Economic Organization

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Q4(b) · 15 marks

How do the concepts of binary opposites and exchange figure in Levi-Strauss' structural analysis of kinship?

Topic · Structuralism (Lévi-Strauss and E. Leach)

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Q4(c) · 15 marks

Describe the evolution of Fieldwork tradition in Anthropology.

Topic · Fieldwork tradition in anthropology

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Q5(a) · 10 marks

Rh-Blood Group

Topic · Age, sex and population variation as genetic marker

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Q5(b) · 10 marks

Rhodesian Man

Topic · Rhodesian man.

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/anthropology-gs-1/2016/rhodesian-man/>

Q5(c) · 10 marks

Neolithic Cultures of India

Topic · Neolithic

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Q5(d) · 10 marks

Fertility and Fecundity

Topic · Biological and socio-ecological factors influencing fecundity, fertility, natality and mortality.

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Q5(e) · 10 marks

Forensic Anthropology.

Topic · Applications of Anthropology

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Q6(a) · 20 marks

Elucidate the biological and cultural factors in Human evolution.

Topic · Biological and Cultural factors in human evolution.

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Q6(b) · 15 marks

Explain the role of heredity and environment in the formation of races.

Topic · Race and racism, biological basis of morphological variation of non-metric and metric characters. Racial criteria, racial traits in relation to heredity and...

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Q6(c) · 15 marks

Discuss different factors affecting growth and development in human beings.

Topic · Factors affecting growth and development

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Q7(a) · 20 marks

Critically discuss the Mendelian principles and their application to human populations.

Topic · Human Genetics

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Q7(b) · 15 marks

Explain the significance of screening and counseling for genetic disorders.

Topic · Numerical and structural aberrations (disorders).

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Q7(c) · 15 marks

Describe the scope of Epidemiological Anthropology in the study of infectious and non-infectious diseases.

Topic · Epidemiological Anthropology

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Q8(a) · 20 marks

Describe the role of Anthropology in designing defence and other equipment.

Topic · Applications of Anthropology

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Q8(b) · 15 marks

Discuss the genetic and non-genetic factors in the bio-cultural adaptations of human beings to different environments.

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

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Q8(c) · 15 marks

Explain the skeletal changes due to erect posture and their implications.

Topic · Characteristics of Primates

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Compiled answer key

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Q1(a) 10 marks	Q1(b) 10 marks	Q1(c) 10 marks	Q1(d) 10 marks
Q1(e) 10 marks	Q2(a) 20 marks	Q2(b) 15 marks	Q2(c) 15 marks
Q3(a) 20 marks	Q3(b) 15 marks	Q3(c) 15 marks	Q4(a) 20 marks
Q4(b) 15 marks	Q4(c) 15 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) · 20 marks Solution

Q2(b) · 15 marks Solution

Q2(c) · 15 marks Solution

Q3(a) · 20 marks Solution

Q3(b) · 15 marks Solution

Q3(c) · 15 marks Solution

Q4(a) · 20 marks Solution

Q4(b) · 15 marks Solution

Q4(c) · 15 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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Q7(c) · 15 marks Solution

Q8(a) · 20 marks Solution

Q8(b) · 15 marks Solution

Q8(c) · 15 marks Solution

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