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UPSC Mains 2015 Anthropology Paper 2

Questions only

<https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains/anthropology/gs-2/2015/>

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

Relevance of tribal Panchsheel today

Topic • Evolution of the Indian Culture and Civilization

Solution —

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Q1(b) • 10 marks

Sacred complex as a dimension of Indian civilization

Topic • Evolution of the Indian Culture and Civilization

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/anthropology-gs-2/2015/sacred-complex-as-a-dimension-of-indian-civilization/>

Q1(c) • 10 marks

South Indian Paleoliths

Topic • Evolution of the Indian Culture and Civilization

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/anthropology-gs-2/2015/south-indian-paleoliths/>

Q1(d) • 10 marks

Panchayati Raj Institutions and Social Change

Topic • Indigenous and exogenous processes of socio-cultural change in Indian society

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/anthropology-gs-2/2015/panchayati-raj-institutions-and-social-change/>

Q1(e) • 10 marks

Rights over resources and tribal unrest.

Topic • The concept of ethnicity

Solution —

<https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/anthropology-gs-2/2015/rights-over-resources-and-tribal-unrest/>

Q2(a) • 20 marks

Examine the social implications of media and communication technology

Topic · Indigenous and exogenous processes of socio-cultural change in Indian society

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/anthropology-gs-2/2015/examine-the-social-implications-of-media-and-communication-technology/>

Q2(b) • 15 marks

Briefly describe the classical models of ethnic and linguistic classification of Indian population. Discuss its relevance today

Topic · Demographic profile of India

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/anthropology-gs-2/2015/briefly-describe-the-classical-models-of-ethnic-and-linguistic-classification-of-indian-population-discuss-its-relevance-today/>

Q2(c) • 15 marks

Discuss the problems faced by religious minorities in India

Topic · Linguistic and religious minorities and their social, political and economic status.

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/anthropology-gs-2/2015/discuss-the-problems-faced-by-religious-minorities-in-india/>

Q3(a) • 20 marks

Discuss how constitutional provisions in India have built-in mechanisms for dealing with the problem of land alienation in tribal areas

Topic · Problems of the tribal Communities

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/anthropology-gs-2/2015/discuss-how-constitutional-provisions-in-india-have-built-in-mechanisms-for-dealing-with-the-problem-of-land-alienation-in-tribal-areas/>

Q3(b) • 15 marks

Discuss the impact of Hinduism on the status of tribal women in Central India

Topic · Impact of Hinduism, Buddhism, Christianity, Islam and other religions on tribal societies.

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/anthropology-gs-2/2015/discuss-the-impact-of-hinduism-on-the-status-of-tribal-women-in-central-india/>

Q3(c) • 15 marks

Describe the paleoanthropological fossil finds from Siwalik hills. Examine the contribution of Siwalik fossils to paleoanthropological knowledge

Topic · Evolution of the Indian Culture and Civilization

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/anthropology-gs-2/2015/describe-the-paleoanthropological-fossil-finds-from-siwalik-hills-examine-the-contribution-of-siwalik-fossils-to-paleoanthropological-knowledge/>

Q4(a) • 20 marks

Critically examine the concept of communalism and its relevance for multi-religious and multiethnic polity of India

Topic · Ethno-archaeology in India

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/anthropology-gs-2/2015/critically-examine-the-concept-of-communalism-and-its-relevance-for-multi-religious-and-multiethnic-polity-of-india/>

Q4(b) • 15 marks

Examine in detail the role of anthropology in planning for tribal development

Topic · Role of anthropology in tribal and rural development.

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/anthropology-gs-2/2015/examine-in-detail-the-role-of-anthropology-in-planning-for-tribal-development/>

Q4(c) • 15 marks

Critically compare 'Affirmative Action' of USA and 'Protective Discrimination' for Scheduled Tribes in India

Topic · Problems of exploitation and deprivation of Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Other Backward Classes. Constitutional safeguards for Scheduled Tribes and...

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/anthropology-gs-2/2015/critically-compare-affirmative-action-of-usa-and-protective-discrimination-for-scheduled-tribes-in-india/>

Q5(a) • 10 marks

Prehistoric Rock Art of Central India

Topic · Evolution of the Indian Culture and Civilization

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Q5(b) • 10 marks

Islam and Matriliney

Topic · Evolution of the Indian Culture and Civilization

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Q5(c) • 10 marks

Socioeconomic characteristics of shifting cultivators

Topic · Evolution of the Indian Culture and Civilization

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Q5(d) • 10 marks

Elwin-Ghurye Debate on Tribes

Topic · Evolution of the Indian Culture and Civilization

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/anthropology-gs-2/2015/elwin-ghurye-debate-on-tribes/>

Q5(e) · 10 marks

Role of Governor in Fifth Schedule Areas.

Topic · History of administration of tribal areas, tribal policies, plans, programmes of tribal development and their implementation. The concept of PTGs (Primitive...

Solution —

<https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/anthropology-gs-2/2015/role-of-governor-in-fifth-schedule-areas/>

Q6(a) · 20 marks

Examine the contribution of village studies towards the understanding of Indian social system

Topic · Indian Village

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Q6(b) · 15 marks

Discuss the impact of globalization on village economy in India

Topic · Indian Village

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Q6(c) · 15 marks

Discuss the significance of Harappan Civilization sites from India

Topic · Evolution of the Indian Culture and Civilization

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/anthropology-gs-2/2015/discuss-the-significance-of-harappan-civilization-sites-from-india/>

Q7(a) · 20 marks

Recently non-government organizations have been critiqued for interfering with developmental process in tribal heartland ! Critically comment

Topic · Developmental projects and their impact on tribal displacement and problems of rehabilitation. Development of forest policy and tribals. Impact of...

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/anthropology-gs-2/2015/recently-non-government-organizations-have-been-critiqued-for-interfering-with-developmental-process-in-tribal-heartland-critically-comment/>

Q7(b) · 15 marks

Discuss the nature of social change in tribal India under the impact of developmental programmes

Topic · Social change and contemporary tribal societies

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Q7(c) · 15 marks

Discuss the contribution of M. N. Srinivas to the study of Indian society. Examine the influence of British social anthropologists on his ideas

Topic · Indian Village

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/anthropology-gs-2/2015/discuss-the-contribution-of-m-n-srinivas-to-the-study-of-indian-society-examine-the-influence-of-british-social-anthropologists-on-his-ideas/>

Q8(a) · 20 marks

What do you understand by dynamics of caste mobility? How did the concept of Sanskritization contribute to its functionality?

Topic · Caste system in India

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Q8(b) · 15 marks

Critically examine the concept of tribe-caste continuum and its relevance in contemporary India

Topic · Caste system in India

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/anthropology-gs-2/2015/critically-examine-the-concept-of-tribe-caste-continuum-and-its-relevance-in-contemporary-india/>

Q8(c) · 20 marks

Discuss the sociocultural, economic and psychological constraints responsible for low literacy in tribal areas

Topic · Tribal situation in India

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Compiled answer key

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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) 20 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

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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

Q7(b) · 15 marks Solution

Q7(c) · 15 marks Solution

Q8(a) · 20 marks Solution

Q8(b) · 15 marks Solution

Q8(c) · 20 marks Solution

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