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UPSC Mains 2023 Anthropology Paper 2

Questions only

<https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains/anthropology/gs-2/2023/>

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

Material culture and archaeology

Topic • Evolution of the Indian Culture and Civilization

Solution —

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Q1(b) • 10 marks

Interface between Purushartha and Ashrama

Topic • Evolution of the Indian Culture and Civilization

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/anthropology-gs-2/2023/interface-between-purushartha-and-ashrama/>

Q1(c) • 10 marks

Jajmani system : continuity and change

Topic • Caste system in India

Solution —

<https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/anthropology-gs-2/2023/jajmani-system-continuity-and-change/>

Q1(d) • 10 marks

Prehistoric rock arts from Uttarakhand

Topic • Evolution of the Indian Culture and Civilization

Solution —

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Q1(e) • 10 marks

Religious pluralism and social solidarity.

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

Solution —

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Q2(a) • 20 marks

"Tribes are backward Hindus." Critically comment with reference to the contributions of G.S. Ghurye.

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-2/2023/tribes-are-backward-hindus-critically-comment-with-reference-to-the-contributions-of-g-s-ghurye/>

Q2(b) • 15 marks

"Indus Valley was the first settlement of the big civilization." Comment critically.

Topic · Evolution of the Indian Culture and Civilization

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/anthropology-gs-2/2023/indus-valley-was-the-first-settlement-of-the-big-civilization-comment-critically/>

Q2(c) • 15 marks

Discuss the basic tenets of Jainism and its impact on Indian society.

Topic · Impact of Buddhism, Jainism, Islam and Christianity on Indian society.

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/anthropology-gs-2/2023/discuss-the-basic-tenets-of-jainism-and-its-impact-on-indian-society/>

Q3(a) • 20 marks

"Sanskritization is a culture-bound concept." Critically comment to assess the strength and limitation of this concept in developing a theoretical framework to study social change.

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

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/anthropology-gs-2/2023/sanskritization-is-a-culture-bound-concept-critically-comment-to-assess-the-strength-and-limitation-of-this-concept-in-developing-a-theoretical-framework-to-study-social-change/>

Q3(b) • 15 marks

Was Mesolithic culture the first step towards a sedentary way of life? Illustrate your answer by citing suitable examples.

Topic · Evolution of the Indian Culture and Civilization

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/anthropology-gs-2/2023/was-mesolithic-culture-the-first-step-towards-a-sedentary-way-of-life-illustrate-your-answer-by-citing-suitable-examples/>

Q3(c) • 15 marks

Critically examine the impact of modern democratic institutions on contemporary tribal societies. Illustrate with suitable ethnographic examples.

Topic · Social change and contemporary tribal societies

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/anthropology-gs-2/2023/critically-examine-the-impact-of-modern-democratic-institutions-on-contemporary-tribal-societies-illustrate-with-suitable-ethnographic-examples/>

Q4(a) · 20 marks

Elucidate the problems faced by Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups and the major challenges in the formulation of special programmes for their development.

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-2/2023/elucidate-the-problems-faced-by-particularly-vulnerable-tribal-groups-and-the-major-challenges-in-the-formulation-of-special-programmes-for-their-development/>

Q4(b) · 15 marks

Critically compare Risley's and Sarkar's approaches to the classification of peoples of India.

Topic · Evolution of the Indian Culture and Civilization

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/anthropology-gs-2/2023/critically-compare-risleys-and-sarkars-approaches-to-the-classification-of-peoples-of-india/>

Q4(c) · 15 marks

Is caste mobility a recent phenomenon? Discuss in the light of Indological and Empirical context.

Topic · Caste system in India

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Q5(a) · 10 marks

Scheduled areas

Topic · Evolution of the Indian Culture and Civilization

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Q5(b) · 10 marks

Ramapithecus-Sivapithecus debate

Topic · Palaeo-Anthropological evidences from India with special reference to Siwaliks and Narmada basin (Ramapithecus, Sivapithecus and Narmada Man).

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/anthropology-gs-2/2023/ramapithecus-sivapithecus-debate/>

Q5(c) · 10 marks

Village as little republic

Topic · Evolution of the Indian Culture and Civilization

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Q5(d) · 10 marks

Dravidian language and their subgroups

Topic · Evolution of the Indian Culture and Civilization

Solution —

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Q5(e) · 10 marks

Karma and Rebirth.

Topic · The structure and nature of traditional Indian social system

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/anthropology-gs-2/2023/karma-and-rebirth/>

Q6(a) · 20 marks

Is annihilation of caste possible? Discuss the future of caste system in the light of various proactive measures taken by the Indian State.

Topic · Caste system in India

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Q6(b) · 15 marks

Distinguishing between ethnic identity and ethnicity, discuss the factors responsible for ethnic conflict in tribal areas.

Topic · The concept of ethnicity

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Q6(c) · 15 marks

"Siwalik deposits show a variety of Neogene fossil primates." Critically examine.

Topic · Evolution of the Indian Culture and Civilization

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/anthropology-gs-2/2023/siwalik-deposits-show-a-variety-of-neogene-fossil-primates-critically-examine/>

Q7(a) · 20 marks

Elucidate the shifting terrains of India's tribal policies in colonial and post-colonial periods.

Topic · The concept of ethnicity

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/anthropology-gs-2/2023/elucidate-the-shifting-terrains-of-indias-tribal-policies-in-colonial-and-post-colonial-periods/>

Q7(b) · 15 marks

Critically examine how the displacement of tribal communities due to hydroelectric river dam projects has affected the women in local context. Illustrate with suitable ethnographic examples.

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-2/2023/critically-examine-how-the-displacement-of-tribal-communities-due-to-hydroelectric-river-dam-projects-has-affected-the-women-in-local-context-illustrate-with-suitable-ethnographic-examples/>

Q7(c) · 15 marks

Elucidate the role of anthropology in nation building. Illustrate with suitable examples.

Topic · Role of anthropology in tribal and rural development.

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/anthropology-gs-2/2023/elucidate-the-role-of-anthropology-in-nation-building-illustrate-with-suitable-examples/>

Q8(a) · 20 marks

Discuss the distribution of tribes in different geographical regions of India. Identify the distinct institutional features of tribal societies of these regions.

Topic · Tribal situation in India

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Q8(b) · 15 marks

Critically evaluate the contributions of S.C. Roy to Indian anthropology.

Topic · Emergence, growth and development of Anthropology in India

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Q8(c) · 15 marks

How are Other Backward Classes identified. Enumerating the important features elucidate the recent changes in their social and economic life.

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

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/anthropology-gs-2/2023/how-are-other-backward-classes-identified-enumerating-the-important-features-elucidate-the-recent-changes-in-their-social-and-economic-life/>

Compiled answer key

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Question-wise key

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Q1(e) · 10 marks Solution

Q2(a) · 20 marks Solution

Q2(b) · 15 marks Solution

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Q3(a) · 20 marks Solution

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