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UPSC Mains 2024 Anthropology Paper 2

Questions only

<https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains/anthropology/gs-2/2024/>

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

Digitisation of rural economy

Topic • Evolution of the Indian Culture and Civilization

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/anthropology-gs-2/2024/digitisation-of-rural-economy/>

Q1(b) • 10 marks

Origin of State Societies

Topic • Evolution of the Indian Culture and Civilization

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/anthropology-gs-2/2024/origin-of-state-societies/>

Q1(c) • 10 marks

Syro-Malabar Christians

Topic • Evolution of the Indian Culture and Civilization

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/anthropology-gs-2/2024/syro-malabar-christians/>

Q1(d) • 10 marks

Artisan tribes of Jharkhand

Topic • Evolution of the Indian Culture and Civilization

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/anthropology-gs-2/2024/artisan-tribes-of-jharkhand/>

Q1(e) • 10 marks

Causes of stunting and wasting among tribal children.

Topic • Evolution of the Indian Culture and Civilization

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/anthropology-gs-2/2024/causes-of-stunting-and-wasting-among-tribal-children/>

Q2(a) · 20 marks

Critically discuss the recent welfare measures initiated by the Government for the Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTGs). Comment why PVTGs were erroneously called Primitive Tribal Groups (PTGs).

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-2/2024/critically-discuss-the-recent-welfare-measures-initiated-by-the-government-for-the-particularly-vulnerable-tribal-groups-pvtgs-comment-why-pvtgs-were-erroneously-called-primitive-tribal-groups-ptgs/>

Q2(b) · 15 marks

How is PESA Act empowering local self-governance and impacting women's political participation?

Topic · Evolution of the Indian Culture and Civilization

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/anthropology-gs-2/2024/how-is-pesa-act-empowering-local-self-governance-and-impacting-womens-political-participation/>

Q2(c) · 15 marks

Deconstruct the colonial history of Indian Anthropology highlighting the critical role played by the Indian Anthropologists in sustaining its autonomy.

Topic · Emergence, growth and development of Anthropology in India

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/anthropology-gs-2/2024/deconstruct-the-colonial-history-of-indian-anthropology-highlighting-the-critical-role-played-by-the-indian-anthropologists-in-sustaining-its-autonomy/>

Q3(a) · 20 marks

Critically describe evidences from Rakhi Garhi and its linkages to Harappan civilization.

Topic · Evolution of the Indian Culture and Civilization

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/anthropology-gs-2/2024/critically-describe-evidences-from-rakhi-garhi-and-its-linkages-to-harappan-civilization/>

Q3(b) · 15 marks

Compare and contrast the approaches of M.N. Srinivas and L.P. Vidyarthi to social change in village India.

Topic · Indian Village

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/anthropology-gs-2/2024/compare-and-contrast-the-approaches-of-m-n-srinivas-and-l-p-vidyarthi-to-social-change-in-village-india/>

Q3(c) · 15 marks

Examine the impact of Forest Policies from 1878 to 2006 on land alienation and deprivation of rights of tribal communities in India.

Topic · Problems of the tribal Communities

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/anthropology-gs-2/2024/examine-the-impact-of-forest-policies-from-1878-to-2006-on-land-alienation-and-deprivation-of-rights-of-tribal-communities-in-india/>

Q4(a) · 20 marks

What are the ethical concerns in biological and socio-cultural anthropology because of recent advances in AI and genetic research?

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

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/anthropology-gs-2/2024/what-are-the-ethical-concerns-in-biological-and-socio-cultural-anthropology-because-of-recent-advances-in-ai-and-genetic-research/>

Q4(b) · 15 marks

Write an essay on the life history of tribal activist and freedom fighter Birsa Munda. What was the impact of his sacrifice on tribal society?

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

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/anthropology-gs-2/2024/write-an-essay-on-the-life-history-of-tribal-activist-and-freedom-fighter-birsa-munda-what-was-the-impact-of-his-sacrifice-on-tribal-society/>

Q4(c) · 15 marks

What are the demographic challenges of India's changing population dynamics in the next 50 years?

Topic · Demographic profile of India

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Q5(a) · 10 marks

B.K. Roy Burman's concept of 'Buffer Zone'

Topic · Evolution of the Indian Culture and Civilization

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/anthropology-gs-2/2024/b-k-roy-burmans-concept-of-buffer-zone/>

Q5(b) · 10 marks

Describe ILO's Convention No. 169 (1989) on Indigenous and Tribal people. Is India a signatory to it?

Topic · Emergence, growth and development of Anthropology in India

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/anthropology-gs-2/2024/describe-ilos-convention-no-169-1989-on-indigenous-and-tribal-people-is-india-a-signatory-to-it/>

Q5(c) · 10 marks

Agricultural practices of the Apatani

Topic · Evolution of the Indian Culture and Civilization

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/anthropology-gs-2/2024/agricultural-practices-of-the-apatani/>

Q5(d) · 10 marks**Status of Sixth Schedule Areas**

Topic · Evolution of the Indian Culture and Civilization

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/anthropology-gs-2/2024/status-of-sixth-schedule-areas/>

Q5(e) · 10 marks**Constitutional Safeguards for Backward Classes.**

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-2/2024/constitutional-safeguards-for-backward-classes/>

Q6(a) · 20 marks

Custodians of natural resources are the tribals, but they are the most deprived. Critically examine how climate change will impact their survival in future.

Topic · Social change and contemporary tribal societies

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/anthropology-gs-2/2024/custodians-of-natural-resources-are-the-tribals-but-they-are-the-most-deprived-critically-examine-how-climate-change-will-impact-their-survival-in-future/>

Q6(b) · 15 marks

Elucidate the difference between secularism, religiosity, religious fundamentalism, and spiritualism from an anthropological perspective.

Topic · Evolution of the Indian Culture and Civilization

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Q6(c) · 15 marks

Discuss the contribution of P.K. Bhowmick in decriminalising the status of the Lodha tribe.

Topic · Evolution of the Indian Culture and Civilization

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/anthropology-gs-2/2024/discuss-the-contribution-of-p-k-bhowmick-in-decriminalising-the-status-of-the-lodha-tribe/>

Q7(a) · 20 marks

Critically examine existing paradigms of holistic health for the marginalized sections of society drawing inferences from COVID-19 pandemic.

Topic · Evolution of the Indian Culture and Civilization

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/anthropology-gs-2/2024/critically-examine-existing-paradigms-of-holistic-health-for-the-marginalized-sections-of-society-drawing-inferences-from-covid-19-pandemic/>

Q7(b) · 15 marks

Discuss the theories on the origin of caste system and its criticism in India.
Differentiate between caste, class, and race.

Topic · Caste system in India

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/anthropology-gs-2/2024/discuss-the-theories-on-the-origin-of-caste-system-and-its-criticism-in-india-differentiate-between-caste-class-and-race/>

Q7(c) · 15 marks

Elucidate the resurgence of ethno-nationalism from an anthropological lens.

Topic · Evolution of the Indian Culture and Civilization

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/anthropology-gs-2/2024/elucidate-the-resurgence-of-ethno-nationalism-from-an-anthropological-lens/>

Q8(a) · 20 marks

Describe the important Paleolithic sites from South India with suitable examples.
What is the significance of South Indian Paleolithic cultures?

Topic · Indian Village

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/anthropology-gs-2/2024/describe-the-important-paleolithic-sites-from-south-india-with-suitable-examples-what-is-the-significance-of-south-indian-paleolithic-cultures/>

Q8(b) · 15 marks

Distinguish a 'Theocratic State' from a secular, liberal, democratic state. Illustrate your answer with examples from tribal and contemporary societies.

Topic · Social change and contemporary tribal societies

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/anthropology-gs-2/2024/distinguish-a-theocratic-state-from-a-secular-liberal-democratic-state-illustrate-your-answer-with-examples-from-tribal-and-contemporary-societies/>

Q8(c) · 15 marks

Discuss the economic, social, and developmental impacts on tribal communities with special reference to mining.

Topic · The concept of ethnicity

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Compiled answer key

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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
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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

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