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UPSC Mains 2025 Anthropology Paper 2

Questions only

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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

'Soanian cultural' tradition

Topic • Evolution of the Indian Culture and Civilization

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Q1(b) • 10 marks

Caste domination, factionalism and political power

Topic • Evolution of the Indian Culture and Civilization

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/anthropology-gs-2/2025/caste-domination-factionalism-and-political-power/>

Q1(c) • 10 marks

Regionalism and Autonomy

Topic • The concept of ethnicity

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/anthropology-gs-2/2025/regionalism-and-autonomy/>

Q1(d) • 10 marks

Verrier Elwin's philosophy with respect to Arunachal Pradesh

Topic • Evolution of the Indian Culture and Civilization

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/anthropology-gs-2/2025/verrier-elwins-philosophy-with-respect-to-arunachal-pradesh/>

Q1(e) • 10 marks

Characteristics and communication between Little and Great Traditions.

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

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/anthropology-gs-2/2025/characteristics-and-communication-between-little-and-great-traditions/>

Q2(a) · 20 marks

Discuss the palaeoanthropological significance of Siwaliks of India giving its subdivisions, fossil primate fauna and major primate fossil localities

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-2/2025/discuss-the-palaeoanthropological-significance-of-siwaliks-of-india-giving-its-subdivisions-fossil-primate-fauna-and-major-primate-fossil-lo/>

Q2(b) · 15 marks

Delineate the major features of S. S. Sarkar's classification of Indian populations. Was his classification better than Risley? Explain

Topic · Evolution of the Indian Culture and Civilization

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/anthropology-gs-2/2025/delineate-the-major-features-of-s-s-sarkars-classification-of-indian-populations-was-his-classification-better-than-risley-explain/>

Q2(c) · 15 marks

Evaluate the impact of Christianity on Scheduled Tribe societies of North-East India

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

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/anthropology-gs-2/2025/evaluate-the-impact-of-christianity-on-scheduled-tribe-societies-of-north-east-india/>

Q3(a) · 20 marks

Describe the distinctive features and distribution of Upper Palaeolithic of India

Topic · Evolution of the Indian Culture and Civilization

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/anthropology-gs-2/2025/describe-the-distinctive-features-and-distribution-of-upper-palaeolithic-of-india/>

Q3(b) · 15 marks

Examine the environmental and biocultural factors influencing the health of tribals of India

Topic · Demographic profile of India

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/anthropology-gs-2/2025/examine-the-environmental-and-biocultural-factors-influencing-the-health-of-tribals-of-india/>

Q3(c) · 15 marks

Highlight the significant contributions of B. S. Guha, Irawati Karve and S. R. K. Chopra to Indian Anthropology

Topic · Emergence, growth and development of Anthropology in India

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/anthropology-gs-2/2025/highlight-the-significant-contributions-of-b-s-guha-irawati-karve-and-s-r-k-chopra-to-indian-anthropology/>

Q4(a) • 20 marks

What are the different types of caste mobility in India? Highlight the various factors responsible for it

Topic · Caste system in India

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Q4(b) • 15 marks

Elucidate the role of demographic and social factors for population growth in India

Topic · Demographic profile of India

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/anthropology-gs-2/2025/elucidate-the-role-of-demographic-and-social-factors-for-population-growth-in-india/>

Q4(c) • 15 marks

Critically examine the concept of Scheduled Tribe (ST) and mention the limitations of administrator's criteria

Topic · Evolution of the Indian Culture and Civilization

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/anthropology-gs-2/2025/critically-examine-the-concept-of-scheduled-tribe-st-and-mention-the-limitations-of-administrators-criteria/>

Q5(a) • 10 marks

Impact of urbanization and industrialization on tribal communities of India.

Topic · The concept of ethnicity

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/anthropology-gs-2/2025/impact-of-urbanization-and-industrialization-on-tribal-communities-of-india/>

Q5(b) • 10 marks

Taxonomic status of Ramapithecus in the light of Ramapithecus-Sivapithecus controversy.

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-2/2025/taxonomic-status-of-ramapithecus-in-the-light-of-ramapithecus-sivapithecus-controversy/>

Q5(c) • 10 marks

Tribalism and Pseudotribalism

Topic · Evolution of the Indian Culture and Civilization

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Q5(d) • 10 marks

Varnashrama and its contemporary relevance

Topic · Evolution of the Indian Culture and Civilization

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Q5(e) · 10 marks

Lothal dockyard and international trade relations.

Topic · Evolution of the Indian Culture and Civilization

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Q6(a) · 20 marks

"The village was not merely a place where people lived; it had a design in which were reflected the basic values of Indian civilization." Who said this? Elaborate

Topic · Evolution of the Indian Culture and Civilization

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/anthropology-gs-2/2025/the-village-was-not-merely-a-place-where-people-lived-it-had-a-design-in-which-were-reflected-the-basic-values-of-indian-civilization-who-said-this/>

Q6(b) · 15 marks

Discuss the role of NGOs in the socioeconomic and political development of weaker sections and the manner in which they facilitate other stakeholders

Topic · Social change and contemporary tribal societies

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/anthropology-gs-2/2025/discuss-the-role-of-ngos-in-the-socioeconomic-and-political-development-of-weaker-sections-and-the-manner-in-which-they-facilitate-other-stakeholders/>

Q6(c) · 15 marks

Trace the history and describe the methods of formulating the lists of OBCs, both at the State and National levels

Topic · Evolution of the Indian Culture and Civilization

Solution — <https://wrapexams.com/upsc/mains-answers/anthropology-gs-2/2025/trace-the-history-and-describe-the-methods-of-formulating-the-lists-of-obcs-both-at-the-state-and-national-levels/>

Q7(a) · 20 marks

Identify the contemporary limitations in the process of tribal development. How can anthropological knowledge contribute in this process?

Topic · Social change and contemporary tribal societies

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Q7(b) · 15 marks

Discuss the rising ethnic conflicts in India and propose their possible remedial measures

Topic · The concept of ethnicity

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Q7(c) · 15 marks

Critically evaluate the concept of Nation-State and describe its impact on indigenous societies

Topic · Social change and contemporary tribal societies

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Q8(a) · 20 marks

Describe the nature of traditional socioeconomic interdependence among the Toda, Kota, Kurumba and Irula tribes of Nilgiri Hills. Highlight the changes occurring in these interrelationships

Topic · The structure and nature of traditional Indian social system

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Q8(b) · 15 marks

Define minority. Elaborate the patterns of linguistic and religious minorities in India

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

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Q8(c) · 15 marks

What are the identifying criteria for PVTGs in India? Examine their current status, nomenclature and distribution

Topic · Demographic profile of 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) 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

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Q5(e) · 10 marks Solution

Q6(a) · 20 marks Solution

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Q6(c) · 15 marks Solution

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