

UPSC Mains 2025 Aug 31, 2025 Anthropology (Paper 2) Question Paper and Answer Key PDF

Q. No.	Question	Check Solution
Q1 (A)	Write a note in 150 words: 'Soanian cultural' tradition	Check Solution
Q1 (B)	Write a note in 150 words: Caste domination, factionalism and political power	Check Solution
Q1 (C)	Write a note in 150 words: Regionalism and Autonomy	Check Solution
Q1 (D)	Write a note in 150 words: Verrier Elwin's philosophy with respect to Arunachal Pradesh	Check Solution
Q1 (E)	Write a note in 150 words: Characteristics and communication between Little and Great Traditions	Check Solution
Q2 (A)	Discuss the palaeoanthropological significance of Siwaliks of India giving its subdivisions, fossil primate fauna and major primate fossil localities.	Check Solution
Q2 (B)	Delineate the major features of S. S. Sarkar's classification of Indian populations. Was his classification better than Risley? Explain.	Check Solution
Q2 (C)	Evaluate the impact of Christianity on Scheduled Tribe societies of North-East India.	Check Solution
Q3 (A)	Describe the distinctive features and distribution of Upper Palaeolithic of India.	Check Solution
Q3 (B)	Examine the environmental and biocultural factors influencing the health of tribals of India.	Check Solution
Q3 (C)	Highlight the significant contributions of B. S. Guha, Irawati Karve and S. R. K. Chopra to Indian Anthropology.	Check Solution
Q4 (A)	What are the different types of caste mobility in India? Highlight the various factors responsible for it.	Check Solution
Q4 (B)	Elucidate the role of demographic and social factors for population growth in India.	Check Solution
Q4 (C)	Critically examine the concept of Scheduled Tribe (ST) and mention the limitations of administrator's criteria.	Check Solution
Q5 (A)	Write notes in 150 words: Impact of urbanization and industrialization on tribal communities of India	Check Solution
Q5 (B)	Write notes in 150 words: Taxonomic status of Ramapithecus in the light of Ramapithecus-Sivapithecus controversy	Check Solution
Q5 (C)	Write notes in 150 words: Tribalism and Pseudotribalism	Check Solution
Q5 (D)	Write notes in 150 words: Varnashrama and its contemporary relevance	Check Solution
Q5 (E)	Write notes in 150 words: Lothal dockyard and international trade relations	Check Solution
Q6 (A)	"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.	Check Solution

Q6 (B)	Discuss the role of NGOs in the socioeconomic and political development of weaker sections and the manner in which they facilitate other stakeholders	Check Solution
Q6 (C)	Trace the history and describe the methods of formulating the lists of OBCs, both at the State and National levels.	Check Solution
Q7 (A)	Identify the contemporary limitations in the process of tribal development. How can anthropological knowledge contribute in this process?	Check Solution
Q7 (B)	Discuss the rising ethnic conflicts in India and propose their possible remedial measures.	Check Solution
Q7 (C)	Critically evaluate the concept of Nation-State and describe its impact on indigenous societies.	Check Solution
Q8 (A)	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.	Check Solution
Q8 (B)	Define minority. Elaborate the patterns of linguistic and religious minorities in India	Check Solution
Q8 (C)	What are the identifying criteria for PVTGs in India? Examine their current status, nomenclature and distribution.	Check Solution