



Why Anthropology:

Anthropology has been gaining ground as a preferred optional due to its high scoring potential, compact nature of syllabus and easy understanding. If you are a serious aspirant and considering anthropology as an optional, it is crucial that you understand the anthropology syllabus for UPSC thoroughly to make the right decision.

The Anthropology Syllabus for UPSC requires students to understand the subject deeply to apply it to analysing matters of everyday relevance. Right preparation can be done easily with the right guidance and selected, specified material for each topic. This gives the aspirant an opportunity to not only secure 300+ in optional but also perform well in other papers that have an overlap with the anthropology syllabus for UPSC.

WHY US:

Here at KPR IAS academy, we provide a comprehensive analysis of Anthropology Syllabus for UPSC, so that students function with enough clarity that is needed to navigate the course of optional preparation.

Unique features to improve student's writing and presentation skills.

1. Concise material with keywords.
2. Mentoring and personalised guidance.
3. Sectional and full length test series.
4. Daily answer writing with model answer.
5. Discussing previous year UPSC questions.
6. Current affairs based approach to tackle dynamic questions.

BOOKLIST:-

Paper I

1. Physical Anthropology – P Nath
2. Anthropology – Ember and Ember-good for beginners.
3. An Introduction to Anthropological thoughts(theories)- Makhan Jha
4. History of
5. Vidya material youtube channel.
6. IGNOU materials.
7. Class material.



Paper II

1. Indian Anthropology -Nadeem Hasnain
2. Tribal India – Nadeem Hasnain
3. The Tribal Culture of India – LP Vidyarthi
4. Virginus Xaxa Report(REPORT OF THE HIGH LEVEL COMMITTEE ON SOCIOECONOMIC, HEALTH AND EDUCATIONAL STATUS OF TRIBAL COMMUNITIES OF INDIA)
5. January 2014 edition of Yojana- Tribal and Marginalized Communities.
6. Class material

Online Resources for Paper I and II (for content enrichment)

1. Anthropological Theories (University of Alabama): <http://anthropology.ua.edu/cultures/cultures.php>
2. Anthropological Survey of India: <https://ansi.gov.in/>
3. Ministry of Tribal Affairs: <https://tribal.nic.in/>
4. Tribal faces of India - <https://tribal.nic.in/DivisionsFiles/tribalFaces.pdf>
5. Vidya mitra youtube channel
6. Govt. schemes and tribal related news reported in newspapers.

For beginners: Tips you should keep in mind

1. Clear Understanding of concepts.
2. No need to read every book from cover to cover. Read as per the syllabus requirement and the trend.
3. Make your own notes .so that you can easily accumulate the contents of various books at one place.

How to fetch more marks (300+)

1. Wherever relevant, quote examples and illustrate with diagrams
2. Attempt as many Physical Anthropology questions as possible-(Static in nature)
3. Answer like a specialist. Definitions, introductions, criticisms must be scholarly. That is, you must mention Anthropologists' name, their work.



Example:

- EB Tylors In his works Primitive culture (1871) gave definition of culture.

4. See internet and newspapers to collect good case studies to illustrate Tribal problems.

Example – Laxmi Kutti, tribal women was honoured with Padma award for her knowledge of tribal medicine. Use such examples and cases to add freshness to your answer.

I hope this article will be immensely helpful.

All the best everyone!