

UPSC IAS (Mains)

ANTHROPOLOGY

Optional

• **September Batch 2024** •

LIVE

Classes & Test Series



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20th Sept'23



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Study Iq is introducing a comprehensive Anthropology Optional Course cum Test Series Programme. The objective of this course is to help students understand the subject matter more conceptually as well as to impart answer writing skills to the students.

Anthropology Optional Batch 2024

It is said that Optional determines the destiny of UPSC journey. It is the most important weapon to conquer this exam. To get into the final list, one must ace the optionals.

Let's start with understanding the Merits of Anthropology optional.

1



Major overlap with multiple GS papers.

2



It is the shortest major optional & time-saving in nature

3



Scoring 300+ is easier compared to other major optionals.

4



It is the only major optional with over 10% success rate from 2013-19

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It is the only optional with two AIR-1 in past 5 years

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It can be considered as the only optional which acts like a bridge between humanities & science.

Features of the Course

1



400+ hours of live lectures spread over 5 months

2



Comprehensive coverage through high quality lecture notes

3



Hand written notes and crux will be provided in English

4



Live answer writing program under the guidance of faculty

5



Previous Year Questions discussions

6



Doubt clearing sessions by the faculty

A few orientation sessions are planned in the beginning where students will be guided on how to prepare for the optional.

STUDY PLAN

DATE

TOPIC

20th Sept'23

Orientation

25th Sept'23

PHYSICAL ANTHROPOLOGY

- › Human Evolution and emergence of Man :
- › Characteristics of Primates; Evolutionary Trend and Primate Taxonomy;
- › Phylogenetic status, characteristics and geographical distribution of
- › The biological basis of Life
- › Human Genetics
- › Mendelian genetics in man-family study
- › Concept of genetic polymorphism and selection
- › Chromosomes and chromosomal aberrations in man, methodology.
- › Race and racism
- › Age, sex and population variation as genetic marker
- › Concepts and methods of Ecological Anthropology :
- › Epidemiological Anthropology :
- › Concept of human growth and Development :
- › Relevance of menarche, menopause and other bioevents to fertility.
- › Demographic theories-biological, social and cultural.
- › Biological and socio-ecological factors influencing fecundity, fertility, natality and mortality.

23rd Oct'23

SOCIO CULTURAL ANTHROPOLOGY

- › Meaning, Scope and development of Anthropology.
- › The Nature of Culture
- › The Nature of Society :
- › Marriage :
- › Family :
- › Kinship :
- › Economic Organization :
- › Political Organization and Social Control :
- › Religion
- › Culture, Language and Communication :
- › Research methods in Anthropology :

25th Nov'23

ANTHROPOLOGICAL THEORIES

DATE

TOPIC

24th Dec'23

ARCHEOLOGICAL ANTHROPOLOGY

- › Principles of Prehistoric Archaeology. Chronology : Dating methods.
- › Cultural Evolution—Broad Outlines of Prehistoric cultures :
- › Evolution of the Indian Culture and Civilization—Prehistoric
- › Paleo—Anthropological
- › Ethno-archaeology in India

13th Jan'24

INDIAN ANTHROPOLOGY

- › 3.1 The structure and nature of traditional Indian social system
- › 3.2 Caste system in India—
- › 3.3 Sacred Complex and Nature-Man-Spirit Complex.
- › 3.4. Impact of Buddhism, Jainism, Islam and Christianity of Indian society.
- › 4. Emergence, growth and development in India
- › 5.1 Indian Village—Significance of village study in India
- › 5.2 Linguistic and religious minorities and their social, political and economic status.
- › 5.3 Indigenous and exogenous processes of socio-cultural change in Indian society

2nd Feb'24

TRIBAL ANTHROPOLOGY

- › Tribal situation in India—
- › Problems of the tribal Communities
- › Developmental projects and their impact on tribal displacement
- › Problems of exploitation and deprivation of S.C, S.T. & OBC
- › Social change and contemporary tribal societies:
- › The concept of ethnicity;
- › Impact of Hinduism, Buddhism, Christianity, Islam etc.
- › Tribe and nation-state
- › History of administration of tribal areas, tribal policies, plans & Programmes
- › Role of anthropology in tribal and rural development.
- › Contributions of anthropology to the understanding of regionalism, communalism etc.

Extras

1. Meaning, Scope and development of Anthropology.(P-1)
2. Relationships with other disciplines : (P-1)
3. Applications of Anthropology (P-1)
4. Demographic profile of India (P-2)

* Please note that this is a tentative plan for the batch and the dates may vary

Anthropology Test Series

Features of the Test Series:

1

- The language style and nature of the questions are in line with the questions asked by the Union Public Service Commission and based on deep understanding and knowledge.

2

- There will be a total of 12 tests (8 sectional tests and 4 Full Length tests).

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- The evaluation of papers will be done in 4-5 days after the student uploads the paper.

4

- Discussion of each paper would be done thoroughly.

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- Synopsis of each test will be provided after the student attempts the paper.

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- Previous Year Questions and high-yielding topics would be covered comprehensively.

TIME TABLE

TEST NO.	DATE	PAPER
Test 1	21st Oct'23	Physical Anthro
Test 2	4th Nov'23	Social Anthro -1
Test 3	2nd Dec'23	Social Anthro -2
Test 4	16th Dec'23	Anthropological Theories -1
Test 5	30th Dec'23	Anthropological Theories -1
Test 6	13th Jan'24	Archaeological Anthropology
Test 7	3rd Feb'24	Indian Anthro
Test 8	2nd Mar'24	Tribal Anthro
Test 9	16th Mar'24	FLT 1 – Paper 1
Test 10	30th Mar'24	FLT 2 – Paper 2
Test 11	13th Apr'24	FLT 3 – Paper 1
Test 12	27th Apr'24	FLT 4 – Paper 2

* Please note that the test dates and discussion dates are subjective and may vary.

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