

FUTURE TOPPER

Anthropology

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Exam Pattern	The Anthropology paper typically comprises 50 questions (40 to be attempted) in MCQ format. Confirm the exact pattern from the official NTA information bulletin.
Marking Scheme	Generally: +5 for correct answer, -1 for incorrect answer, 0 for unattempted. Verify with the official NTA bulletin.
Preparation Tip	Focus on NCERT textbooks as the primary source. Supplement with previous years' CUET papers and Future Topper practice material.

Anthropology — Complete Syllabus

Unit 1: Physical/Biological Anthropology

- Human Evolution: theories of evolution (Darwinism, Lamarckism, Neo-Darwinism and Neo-Lamarckism); living primates and their features.
- Hominid evolution: Australopithecus, Homo habilis, Homo erectus, Homo sapiens neanderthalensis, and other Homo sapiens.
- Human Variation: body size, body shape, skin colour, genetic traits.
- Human Genetics: Mendelian genetics (laws of inheritance); dominant, recessive, sex-linked, sex-limited and sex-influenced traits; monogenic, polygenic and multifactorial inheritance; chromosomes and their aberrations.
- Forces of Evolution: genetic drift, mutation, natural selection and gene flow.
- Genetic Markers: blood groups (ABO, MN, Rh(D) and their distribution); DNA as a genetic marker in population diversity.

Unit 2: Archaeological Anthropology

- Stone Age: Palaeolithic, Mesolithic, Neolithic cultures.
- Development of tool typology and technology; evolution of stone tool technology: choppers, hand axes, scrapers, blade tools, microliths, celts, unifacial and bifacial tools, pottery.
- Metal Age: discovery and use of Bronze and Iron.
- Stratigraphy; archaeological dating – relative and absolute methods (carbon-14 and potassium-argon dating).
- Important archaeological sites: Sohan, Burzahom and Nevasa; Indus Valley Civilisation.

Unit 3: Socio-Cultural Anthropology

- Family types (nuclear, joint, extended) and their functions; marriage: cultural variation in forms (monogamy, polygamy); kinship: rules of descent (matrilineal, patrilineal).
- Concepts of culture: cultural relativism, ethnocentrism; socialisation and cultural change (diffusion, acculturation).
- Functions of religion in society; beliefs: totemism, animism, animatism, magic and shamanism.
- Subsistence strategies: hunting, gathering and agricultural practices.
- Traditional political systems: bands, tribes, chiefdoms; power, authority and social control in traditional societies.

Unit 4: Linguistic and Tribal Anthropology

- Language as a cultural and social phenomenon.
- Linguistic and cultural diversity in India: festivals, house types, rituals and food habits.
- Distribution and characteristics of tribes in India: economic, social and political organisation.
- Major Indian tribes (Santhals, Bhils, Gonds, etc.); Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTGs).
- Social movements: features; ecological, class-based, caste-based and tribal movements.

Unit 5: Social Change and Applied Anthropology

- Caste system and social stratification in India.
- Impact of colonialism on Indian society; changes in Indian society: modernisation and globalisation; anthropology and development; tribal development.
- Role of anthropology in public health and personal identification (skeletal material, blood groups and fingerprints).
- Change and development in industrial society.
- Challenges of cultural diversity.

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