

# INTERVIEW GUIDANCE PROGRAM 2025

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CADRE AND FUTURE, SO START EARLY

**UPSC ANTHROPOLOGY TRANSCRIPTS**



## KEY FEATURES:

- ➔ Expert Interview Panel
- ➔ Material on Current Issues and Sessions
- ➔ Segregated Transcripts
- ➔ Personalised DAF Analysis
- ➔ Special sessions by Eminent Personalities
- ➔ Toppers Talk
- ➔ Anthropology Revision Classes for Interview Goers.

## EXPECTED QUESTIONS FOR INTERVIEW 2025

1. Same sex marriages or LGBTQ+ marriages
2. Ladakh tribes and 6th schedule
3. Tribes of North East and anthropologists studied there
4. Territoriality among primates and war
5. AI and ethnography in digital anthropology (Cyborg)
6. Ethnicity vs tribal identity
7. Relationship between nation state and ethnic conflict in north east
8. Ethnic conflicts in Africa and anthropological perspective
9. Primatology and environmental conservation
10. Applied and action anthropology and community development in India
11. Relevance of archeological anthropology
12. Recent adaptations among humans due modern lifestyle ( ongoing evolution)
13. Tribes in Myanmar along Indian border and ethnic affiliation with Indian tribes
14. What is urban anthropology?
15. What is visual anthropology? And its relevance today.
16. UCC and legal pluralism
17. How can tribal life be improved?
18. What are God Apes?
19. Evolution of Marriage in Anthropology and define it comprehensively
20. What is rural cosmopolitanism and how it counters the ideas of Indian villages as Little republic?
21. What is 'Woke culture' and perspective of anthropology?
22. How Abrahamic religions impact Indian society today?
23. How recent advancement in genetic study is helping anthropology?
24. Recent debate on origin of H. Sapiens and role of other Homo species in evolution of man
25. Is fieldwork and participant observation declining in anthropology? Should it be followed today?
26. Tribal languages are endangered and why should they be protected and how?
27. What is the difference between race and racism? How Indians are facing racist remarks in foreign countries?
28. Name few matrilineal and polyandrous tribes in India
29. Which is the oldest branch of anthropology and when did it emerge?
30. Why can blood groups be considered as a criteria for racial classification?
31. Relevance of ecological anthropology?
32. Will caste disappear?
33. Do modern societies need religion?
34. If you are an anthropologist in which school you would situate yourself?
35. What is nature man spirit complex? Is it applicable to study today's tribals?
36. Denisovans DNA in Tibeto-Burmans, elaborate on this.

37. Do you familiar with Aptani wet rice cum fish farming ? Which anthropologist studied Aptanis?
38. Medical anthropology in India and vaccine hesitancy among tribes
39. Forensic anthropology and issues with unidentified bodies in disasters.
40. Do you think Sanskritisation still explains upward mobility today?
41. Would you consider Indian Muslims socially stratified?
42. What does anthropology tell us about farmer suicides beyond economic factors?
43. Do you think platform workers (Swiggy, Zomato) constitute a new labour subculture?
44. What is the administrative use of “emic and etic” perspectives in policy design?
45. Can we use Marxist anthropology to analyse land inequality in tribal regions?
46. How is the joint family transforming rather than disintegrating?
47. Why do desert tribes like Bhils show specific adaptive traits?
48. What is the role of anthropology in improving the success of ICDS?
49. How do recent excavations at Rakhigarhi or Keezhadi reshape our understanding of civilisation?
50. Explain the rise of “new middle castes” using anthropological concepts.

## Board Questions on Anthropology

### Board: Dinesh Dasa sir ( 2024)

1. Free movement regime and related things
2. Galapagos island (anthropology topic) (charles darwin)
3. Have you read Yuval noah harari? ( Sapiens)

### Board - BB Swain ( 2024)

1. Chairman - Tell me about Sugrivopithecus.
2. What about ramapithicus and Shivapithicus
3. What is the similarity between Physics and Anthropology?
4. Who are famous Indian anthropologists and Physicists ?

### Board- Sheelvardhan sir

1. you have read Anthro, Tell about data processing techniques

### Shri BB Swain

1. An anthropologist’s look at Andaman and Nicobar Islands (AnC)
2. Major tribes of Andaman and Nicobar Islands
3. Why anthropologists interested in Nicobar Islands
4. How do Nicobar Islands tribes differ from others and their main characteristics

5. Explain marriage as a social institution

**Candidate name: Samar shesh**

**Board - B.B Swain Sir**

1. What is Anthropology, it's subfields.
2. What is linguistic anthropology
3. Is people's linguistic survey of India conducted by Anthropological Survey of India

**Board: Shri Sanjay Verma sir**

**Background: Mechanical engineering**

1. Connection between Mechanical engineering and anthropology
2. Carbon dating - what, how?

**Board: Swain sir (Jan 17, 2025)**

1. Role of technology on human lives? How do you see it anthropologically?

**Board - Raj Shukla sir ( Jan 20, 2025)**

**Candidate background: B.Com**

1. What do you understand by Anthropology?
2. Why didn't you choose Commerce and Accountancy instead of Anthropology as your optional? When was your district formed?

**Board : Sheel Vardhan Singh Sir**

**Background : Vet Science**

1. Have you visited any museum (i answered tribal museum AnSI Port Blair). ( Can link with Museum Anthropology)
2. Difference between Jarawas and Sentinels.
3. Do you think acculturation is beneficial to tribes ? ( follow up question from What I said on jarawas).
4. Do we go for isolationism ? What's the contribution of Verrier Elwin? ( follow up question from previous answer. I mentioned about my visit to his house in Tawang
5. What's my course of action if posted in Tribal dept? (I mentioned about my own ethnography which I wrote and how it helped familiarization of govt depts and said familiarization is important)

6. How to balance resource rich areas vs Tribe rights?

**Board: Suman Sharma ma'am**

Background: Doctor (MBBS), Medical officer

1. You must have heard about the India Genome Project? What are its advantages and disadvantages? Are we sharing this data with other countries?
2. Board: Lt Gen Shukla sir
3. Background: Civil engineer
4. Why anthropology?
5. Anthropology and sociology difference?
6. What are Little and great traditions?
7. What are Sanskritisation desanskritisation resanskritisation?

**Board - Lt gen Raj shukla sir**

1. List out the tribal society (ethnography) you have studied?
2. Who are the 4 NAGA tribes in the North East?
3. Difference between tribal administration and general administration
4. Matrilineal and patrilineal tribes (definitions and examples)

**Board: Hon SHEELVARDHAN sir**

Background: MBBS , ANTHROPOLOGY

1. Genome sequencing, uses and should i do it?
2. What is Gullina Bare syndrome?
3. Relationship between mutation and evolution?
4. Why are fertility centres increasing?

**Dinesh Dasa sir**

Background: Civil engineering

1. you are from anthropology. Then tell me how have human species come to dominate all other species ?

2. What is the comparison between anthropology and sociology?

3. Have you read the book homosapiens ?

4. There is this theory of survival of the fittest ! Who has given this theory? What is this theory?

5. How will you use anthropology in your administration?

**Board: Sanjay verma sir**

**Background: B.Tech Mining Machinery Engg**

1. Tell me something about digital anthropology
2. Tribes in Africa
3. Kinship terminologies origin as per anthropology
4. Study of meaning from the point of view of linguistics anthropology
5. Relevance of basant ritu from anthropological view?
6. Tell me a specific case study of the impact of globalisation on a tribe ?

**Board: Sanjay Verma**

**Background: CS/IT**

1. What is Nexus? Give your anthropological perspective of it.
2. What is the anthropological perspective of ethics and how is it different from morality?
3. Why did you take anthro being an engineer?

1. How Anthropology is used in administration? -- Air Marshal Bhonsle / 2020 / V A Raman

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2. Tell us about the tribes in Andaman. - Smt. M Sathiyavathy / 2020 / Gaurav Pate

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3. Why you chose anthropology as an optional subject? -- Air Marshal Bhonsle / 2020 / Unknown

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4. Why humans developed more than apes and chimpanzees? Is it because of mutation? -- Smt Smita Nagraj / 2020 / Unknown

5. Why did you take Anthropology as optional? -- Air Marshal Bhonsle /  
2020 / V A Raman

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6. How did today's population pattern emerge in India? -- Smt M Sathiyavathy  
/ 2020 / unknown

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7. Anthropology is all about primitive man. What is your opinion? -- Dr. Manoj  
Soni / 2020 / Vikash raj

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8. Who were the original inhabitants of India? -- Smt M  
Sathiyavathy / 2020 / unknown

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9. What preceded Bipedalism or cognitive development? -- Smt Smita Nagraj  
/ 2020 / Unknown

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10. Is Dravidians or Aryans, who are indigenous to India? -- Smt M Sathiyavathy  
/ 2020 / unknown

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11. What is genomics? -- Smt M Sathiyavathy / 2020 / Unknown

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12. How Anthropology can impact policymaking? -- Smt M Sathiyavathy /  
2020 / unknown

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13. What are the important branches of Anthropology? -- Smt M Sathiyavathy / 2020 / unknown

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14. From where did the first human beings come? -- Smt M Sathiyavathy / 2020 / unknown

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15. How are these branches of Anthropology helpful? -- Smt M Sathiyavathy / 2020 / Unknown

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16. Do you know Christoph von Fürer-Haimendorf? What are his contributions? -- Dr. Manoj Soni / 2020 / Unknown

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17. Which organization is contributing highest to the CSR? -- Smt M Sathiyavathy / 2020 / unknown

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18. What are the issues with tiger conservation? -- Dr. Manoj Soni / 2020 / Unknown

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19. How Anthropology can be helpful in an administration? -- Smt M Sathiyavathy / 2020 / unknown

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20. What are all the priority areas of Tata in doing CSR? -- Smt M Sathiyavathy / 2020 / unknown

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**21. Why sex ratio is low in Haryana? What has changed now ? And who has contributed to it? -- Shri Bharat Bhushan Vyas / 2020 / Unknown**

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**22. What is a race and racism? -- Smt Sujata Mehta / 2020 / Himanshu Gupta**

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**23. How do you separate races? On what physical characteristics these separations done? -- Smt Sujata Mehta / 2020 / Himanshu Gupta**

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**24. Explain evolution of humans. -- Smt Sujata Mehta / 2020 / Himanshu Gupta**

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**25. What is the difference between Anthropology and Sociology? -- Shri TCA Anant Sir / 2020 / Satyendra**

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**26. How will you use the knowledge of Archaeology in Anthropology? -- Shri PK Joshi / 2020 / Unknown.**

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**27. What does Anthropology as a discipline mean? -- Shri PK Joshi / 2020 / Unknown.**

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**28. Will you use only fossils to study Anthropology? -- Shri PK Joshi / 2020 / Unknown.**

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**29. Did environment help in human evolution? -- Smt Sujata Mehta / 2020 / Himanshu Gupta**

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**30. Is there any connection between Archaeology and Anthropology? -- Shri PK Joshi / 2020 / Unknown.**

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**31. Was there any latest accord in North east Based on tribes? – Shri Bharat Bhushan Vyas / 2020 / Unknown**

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**32. Why did you take Anthropology as optional? What did Anthropology teach you? -- RN Choubey Sir / 2020 / Unknown**

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**33. Your optional is anthropology, Is it out of interest you chose this subject or any specific reason? -- Shri Bharat Bhushan Vyas / 2020 / Unknown**

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**34. What are the techniques used in Anthropological studies? -- Shri PK Joshi / 2020 / Unknown.**

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**35. Tell me some famous tribes in the Northeast. -- Shri Bharat Bhushan Vyas / 2020 / Unknown**

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**36. What are Minor Forest Produce? -- Shri Bharat Bhushan Vyas / 2020 / Ramya P**

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**37. Do you know any legislation for protecting the rights of tribals? – Shri Bharat Bhushan Vyas / 2020 / Ramya P**

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**38. Which surgical practice of Ayurveda do tribes follow? Is Sira Vedhan scientific? -- Shri Bharat Bhushan Vyas / 2020 / Vidya Mapari**

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**39. Talk about mega challenges faced by human kind. -- Shri PK Joshi / 2020 / Unknown.**

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**40. Tribal displacement happens in many developmental projects. How will you handle or how will you do things differently? -- Shri Bharat Bhushan Vyas / 2020 / Ramya P**

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**41. Is Anthropology relevant today? -- Shri Bharat Bhushan Vyas / 2020 / Unknown**

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**42. Cultural Relativism is a dear concept for Anthropology. So, do you see any relevance of it today? -- Shri Bharat Bhushan Vyas / 2020 / Unknown**

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**43. Why in Anthropology high focus is given to tribals? – Shri Bharat Bhushan Vyas/ 2020 / Unknown**

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### **General Questions**

1. Why Anthropology as optional?
2. So, you chose anthropology after graduation, why?
3. Your optional is anthropology, is it out of interest you chose this subject or any specific reason?
4. What you learnt from anthropology?
5. How would you explain 'Anthropology' in layman words?
6. Is Anthropology relevant today?
7. How to use Anthropology in Administration?
8. Whether Anthropology & Administration inter-related?

### **Subject Specific Questions**

1. What is Anthropology all about?
2. Explain about the branches of Anthropology?
3. How Anthropology helps in policy making?
4. Name a few Anthropologists whom you like & why?
5. Which Anthropologist is relevant today?
6. Mention 3 problems India is facing today.
7. How can Anthropologists help in amicably resolving the problems?
8. What is a nature, role & development of Anthropology?
9. Is Archaeology and Anthropology being same or different?
10. Archaeology importance is reducing day on day. Do you agree?
11. What are fossils studies in Anthropology?
12. What are field work traditions in Anthropology?
13. What are the tools of data collection?
14. What is panchsheel? Is it relevant today?

- 15. Is climate change a threat to mankind?**
- 16. In anthropology is there any necessary to have a topic for climate change?**
- 17. Explain chronology of evolution of man?**
- 18. How environment changed the course of human evolution?**
- 19. What is a race and what are racial studies?**
- 20. What is meant by physical Anthropology?**
- 21. Which book you read on human evolution?**
- 22. What does u know about Vedic civilization?**
- 23. Recently, Mohenjo-Daro was under threat. Why?**
- 24. Tell me about Mayan civilization and where it is located?**
- 25. Differentiate Aryan and Dravidian civilization.**
- 26. Is Aryans being indigenous people or Dravidians are indigenous people?**
- 27. Why in Anthropology you study about tribals?**
- 28. Should tribals be integrated or isolated?**
- 29. Tell me about the debate between isolationism and Integrationalism. In this context tell me about ghuriye and elwin debate.**
- 30. What are the problems of Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTG)? To determine as a PVTG what are the Criteria's required? How are they unique from other tribal groups? Name some PVTG. What are the special schemes made for PVTG?**
- 31. What is meant by Eugenics? Whether it is against natural selection?**
- 32. Whether humans evolved from apes? Explain.**
- 33. Tell me the difference between greater apes and lesser apes.**

- 34.** Recently, in news 'NEANDERTHAL are near to Europeans'. Why it is in the news?
  - 35.** Bipedalism first or cranial capacity first?
  - 36.** How covid impacted human kind? Do you think modern man failed in addressing covid?
  - 37.** Do you know about ruth benedict? How can her theory be used in development of society?
  - 38.** Recent census revealed that sex ratio has been increased enormously do you know this?
  - 39.** What is the debate of negrito?
  - 40.** Do you think Aryan invasion theory is true?
  - 41.** What is meant by demographic dividend?
  - 42.** What is difference between indigenous people, tribal people and indianas of USA?
  - 43.** Whether first humans came from Africa ?
  - 44.** Tel me some famous tribes in the south india?
  - 45.** Mizo accord is very popular because of its success why it was success?
  - 46.** Tell me about ethnic conflicts, what are the factors responsible for ethnic conflicts?
  - 47.** Do you agree SC's converted to Christianity should be continued with SC status?
  - 48.** Whether religious conversions should be stopped by law? In this context explain about recent state laws on religious conversions?
  - 49.** Who are criminal tribes? Name a few?
  - 50.** Name a few nomadic, semi nomadic tribes in india?
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