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The Model Hints have been constructed to train students about how to write relevant and succinct answers in exam condition.

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**Discuss the relevance of primatology in anthropological studies.
(200 words)**

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Introduction

1. Primatology is the scientific study of primates.
2. It is a sub-branch of physical anthropology.
3. Primatologists study both living and extinct primates in their natural habitats and in laboratories by conducting field studies and experiments in order to understand aspects.

Relationship between primatology and anthropology

1. Primatology, like anthropology, has no intellectual boundaries; anything about primates falls within its compass.
2. For most anthropologists, the function of primatology in anthropology is to elucidate human origins and the origins of human nature using morphological and behavioural comparisons among living nonhuman primates, fossil primates, and humans.
3. Because of this, there have evolved two major components of anthropological primatology.
 - (a) Paleoprimatology - This aims to uncover and interpret the fossil record of primate evolution.
 - (b) Study of behaviour and ecology of living primates - Each primate species is a puzzle of evolutionary history and current adaptation.

Relevance

1. Understanding similarities to primates:
 - (a) Primatology involves the study of primates - our non-human ancestors and can help anthropologists better understand both our similarities to primates and the course of human evolution.
2. Human behaviour and evolution:
 - (a) Primates include dozens of animals, such as gibbons, baboons, apes, monkeys, bonobos, and many more.