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SOCIOLOGY

(Core)

Paper : C-9



(Sociology of Kinship)

Full Marks : 80

Pass Marks : 32

Time : 3 hours

*The figures in the margin indicate full marks
for the questions*

1. Choose the correct answer from the following : 1×8=8

(a) The concept of 'descent' was first introduced by

(i) W. H. R. Rivers

(ii) Edmund Leach

(iii) Lévi-Strauss

(iv) M. Fortes

- (b) Marriage within the class is known as
 (i) endogamy (ii) exogamy
 (iii) incest taboo (iv) sororate
- (c) If kins are related by blood, it is called
 (i) consanguineal kinship
 (ii) affinal kin
 (iii) line of decent
 (iv) rang kinship
- (d) When the kins are related by marriage, this kinship relation is called
 (i) classification kin
 (ii) consanguineal kinship
 (iii) affinal relationship
 (iv) descriptive kin
- (e) The author of the book, *Time and Social Structure and Other Essays* is
 (i) L. Dumont
 (ii) M. Fortes
 (iii) E. E. Evans-Pritchard
 (iv) K. Weston
- (f) The system under which woman can marry more than one husband and keep all of them with herself is known as
 (i) polyandrous (ii) polygamous
 (iii) patronymic (iv) procreation



- (g) Which of the following is not a characteristic of kinship?
 (i) In some cases it is specific while in others it is not
 (ii) It is related to sex
 (iii) It usually indicates generation gap
 (iv) It has no affinity between two related persons
- (h) Who is the author of the book, *Kinship Organization in India*?
 (i) T. N. Madan
 (ii) K. M. Kapadia
 (iii) Patricia Uberoi
 (iv) Irawati Karve

2. Answer in brief any *four* from the following questions (**within 150 words** each) : $4 \times 4 = 16$

- (a) Is kinship a synthesis of biological and cultural elements? Discuss in brief.
- (b) Discuss in brief the usages of kinship in Assamese society.
- (c) Write a short note on kinship as socially constructed norms.
- (d) Discuss the changing scenario of Indian family system as explained by A. M. Shah.



- (e) Briefly explain kinship system and procreation from the perspective of Kath Weston.
- (f) Discuss Hindu marriage as religious sacrament.

3. Answer any *four* from the following questions (**within 500 words** each) : $14 \times 4 = 56$

- (a) Define kinship. Discuss in brief the kinship bond in North and South India.
4+10=14
- (b) Discuss the descent approach as stated by Radcliffe-Brown in his book, *African Systems of Kinship and Marriage*. 14
- (c) How does E. R. Leach analyse the system of marriage? Give a picture from his perspective with reference to Sinhalese Customary Law. 14
- (d) Critically evaluate Lévi-Strauss's perspective on nature and problems of incest taboo. 14
- (e) Discuss the marriage and kinship relations of Nayers as given by E. Kathleen Gough in her article, *The Nayers and the Definition of Marriage*. 14
- (f) Give a brief idea of present trend of kinship system with special reference to the society of North-East India. 14
- (g) Discuss the changing scenario of Indian family system as explained by A. M. Shah in his book, *The Family in India : Critical Essays*. 14

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