4 SEM TDC SOCH (CBCS) C 9

2025

(May/June)

SOCIOLOGY

(Core)

Paper: C-9



(Sociology of Kinship)

Full Marks: 80
Pass Marks: 32

Time: 3 hours

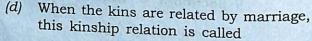
The figures in the margin indicate full marks for the questions

- 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

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- (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



- (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): 4×4=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.



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- (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): 14×4=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.
 - (d) Critically evaluate Lévi-Strauss's perspective on nature and problems of incest taboo.
 - (e) Discuss the marriage and kinship relations of Nayars as given by E. Kathleen Gough in her article, The Nayars and the Definition of Marriage.
 - (f) Give a brief idea of present trend of kinship system with special reference to the society of North-East India.
 - (g) Discuss the changing scenario of Indian family system as explained by
 A. M. Shah in his book, The Family in India: Critical Essays.

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