

4 SEM TDC SOCH (CBCS) C 9

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(June/July)

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 principle or set of principles by which ego's consanguineal relatives are determined is technically known as

- (i) rules of descent
- (ii) rules of kinship
- (iii) rules of residence
- (iv) None of the above

(b) Who defined family as a 'group of persons whose relations to one another are based upon consanguinity and who are therefore kin to one another'?

- (i) J. Goody
- (ii) Kingsley Davis
- (iii) MacIver and Page
- (iv) L. H. Morgan

(c) People related by blood are called

- (i) kindred
- (ii) consanguines
- (iii) affines
- (iv) relatives

(d) Principle of descent in which people think of themselves related to both their mother's kin and their father's kin at the same time is called

- (i) unilineal descent
- (ii) parallel descent
- (iii) bilateral descent
- (iv) double descent

(e) The author of the book, *The Elementary Structures of Kinship* is

- (i) Claude Lévi-Strauss
- (ii) Alfred Radcliffe-Brown
- (iii) E. E. Evans-Pritchard
- (iv) Kath Weston

- (f) One's wife's brother is one's
- (i) affinal secondary kin
 - (ii) secondary kin
 - (iii) primary kin
 - (iv) tertiary kin
- (g) The Child Marriage Act amended in _____ (year) raised the minimum age of marriage for girls from 15 to 18 years.
- (i) 1976
 - (ii) 1991
 - (iii) 1986
 - (iv) 1929
- (h) Who is the author of the book, *Kinship Organisation in India*?
- (i) Patricia Uberoi
 - (ii) Irawati Karve
 - (iii) K. M. Kapadia
 - (iv) T. N. Madan

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

- (a) "Kinship—it is socially constructed." Explain it from David M. Schneider's point of view.
- (b) How can we understand 'marriage as a system of exchange and communication'?
- (c) Is kinship a synthesis of biological and cultural elements? Give reasons for your answer.
- (d) Illustrate how domestic groups play an important role in social reproduction.

- (e) Write a short note on kinship systems in Assamese society.
- (f) Mention various kinds of marriages that are practiced in Hindu religion.

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

- (a) Define kinship. Discuss in brief the degrees and usages of kinship.
- (b) Critically discuss the kinship system in the light of the perspective explained by Radcliffe-Brown in his book, *African Systems of Kinship and Marriage*.
- (c) Discuss how gender concept is associated with kinship system.
- (d) Discuss the structure of a unilinear descent group with the help of a suitable example.
- (e) "Marriage : from sacrament to contract." Discuss the Patricia Uberoi's perspective to Hindu marriage in the light of above statement.
- (f) Discuss the changing scenario of Indian family system as explained by A. M. Shah in his book, *The Family in India : Critical Essay*.
- (g) How do new reproductive technologies challenge the cultural construction of motherhood? Discuss.

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