

**4 SEM TDC SOCH (CBCS) C 9**

**2023**

( 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 alternatives : 1×8=8

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

(i) W. H. R. Rivers

(ii) Edmund Leach

(iii) Levi-Strauss

(iv) M. Fortes

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- (b) Kinship is defined as the connection or relationship between persons by
- (i) occupation
  - (ii) blood or marriage
  - (iii) membership
  - (iv) same locality
- (c) 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
- (d) Which of the following is the basic feature of household?
- (i) It is always a family
  - (ii) It may or may not have a common hearth
  - (iii) It is always a kinship group
  - (iv) It is residential group with a common hearth
- (e) Which one of the following statements about kinship is not true?
- (i) Its usages create group of kins
  - (ii) It creates relationship structure
  - (iii) It defines the role of different relationship
  - (iv) It indicates expected behaviour of kins

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- (f) The system under which a woman can marry more than one husband is known as
- (i) polyandrous
  - (ii) polygyny
  - (iii) patronymic
  - (iv) procreation
- (g) Marriage within the class is known as
- (i) class endogamy
  - (ii) class exogamy
  - (iii) incest taboo
  - (iv) sororate
- (h) 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
2. Answer in brief any *four* from the following questions (**within 150 words** each) :  $4 \times 4 = 16$
- (a) Write briefly about the 'double descent system'.
  - (b) Write on the degree of kin based on sibship.
  - (c) Write a short note on kinship as socially constructed norms.
  - (d) Prepare a brief note on 'contemporary Hindu Marriage Law'.

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- (e) Explain, in brief, Patricia Uberoi's views on 'Hindu marriage as contract'.
- (f) Write a short note on 'kinship and gender'.

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

- (a) What do you mean by kinship system? Discuss, in brief, the usages of kinship in Indian culture.
- (b) Discuss elaborately kinship and family systems of 'the Nuer of the Southern Sudan' as explained by Evans-Pritchard.
- (c) What is classificatory system in kinship? Write about the classificatory system with reference to Lewis Morgan's work, *Systems of consanguinity and Affinity of the Human Family*.
- (d) How can E. R. Leach analyze the system of marriage? Give a picture from his perspective with reference to Sinhalese customary law.
- (e) How can kinship be determined by gender? Explain kinship and gender from the approach to Gloria Goodwin Raheja.
- (f) Discuss on family and kinship system on the basis of Weston Kath's work, *Families We Choose*.
- (g) Critically evaluate the Levi-Strauss' perspective on nature and problems of incest taboo.

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