

4 SEM TDC SOCH (CBCS) C 9

2022

(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) Maclver 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.
