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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
alternatives : 1×8=8

(a) In bilateral family, descent is traced from

(i) only mother

(ii) both the parents

(iii) only father

(iv) None of the above

(b) Kinship is defined as the connection or
relationship between persons by

(i) occupation

(ii) blood or marriage

(iii) membership

(iv) same locality

- (c) Husband and wife, parents and their children are known as
- primary kinship
 - secondary kinship
 - tertiary kinship
 - affinal kinship
- (d) A family where the entire authority is in the hands of the father is called
- matriarchal family
 - patriarchal family
 - patrilineal family
 - matrilineal family
- (e) The author of the book, *The Elementary Structures of Kinship* is
- Claude Lévi-Strauss
 - Alfred Radcliffe-Brown
 - E. E. Evans-Pritchard
 - Kath Weston
- (f) 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
- unilineal descent
 - parallel descent
 - bilateral descent
 - double descent

- (g) Which one of the following practises matrilineal family structure?
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| (i) Garo | (ii) Koya |
| (iii) Garasia | (iv) Gond |
- (h) _____ is a social bond, based on blood, marriage or adoption that joins individuals into families.
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| (i) Ethnicity | (ii) Religion |
| (iii) Kinship | (iv) Class |
2. Answer any *four* from the following questions in brief (**within 150 words** each) : 4×4=16
- Write briefly the importance of kinship system in our society.
 - How does the system of kinship influence social relations and cultural practices in India?
 - Compare the North Indian kinship system with the South Indian kinship system.
 - Discuss the 'marriage' as a system of exchange and communication.
 - Clarify the distinction between 'household' and 'family' from sociological perspective.
 - Mention various kinds of marriages that are practised in Hindu religion.

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

- (a) Discuss the degrees and usages of kinship in India highlighting their significance in shaping social structures.
- (b) Critically discuss Radcliffe-Brown's perspective on the kinship systems as outlined in his book, *African Systems of Kinship and Marriage*.
- (c) Discuss how the gender is intricately linked with the kinship system within families and communities.
- (d) Explain the organizational structure of a unilinear descent group using a relevant example.
- (e) Discuss Patricia Uberoi's perspective on Hindu marriage considering its transition from a sacrament to a contract.
- (f) Could you provide an overview of A. M. Saha's insights on the changing scenario of the Indian family system as outlined in his book, *The Family in India : Critical Essays*?
- (g) How does the kinship system function in present-day Assamese society? Discuss with suitable example.
