

Ba/SOC/H/M-5

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SOCIOLOGY

(MINOR)



Paper Code : SOC/H/M-5

(**Sociology of Kinship**)

Full Marks : 75

Pass Marks : 40%

Time : 3 hours

(**PART : B—DESCRIPTIVE**)

(*Marks : 50*)

The questions are of equal value

1. Explain the significance of kinship from a contemporary lens.

Or

Explain the different types of kinship.

2. What do you understand by descent? Discuss its types.

Or

Define incest taboo. Illustrate the biological and social concerns of incest.

3. Critically examine the theory of alliance.

Or

Elucidate the tetradic approach to kinship.

4. Define youth unrest. Explain the major causes of youth unrest.

Or

Write an essay on the disintegration of the Indian joint family system.

5. What do you understand by relatedness? Discuss Janet Carsten's 'Culture of Relatedness'.

Or

What is unisex family? Discuss its features and challenges.

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(PART : A—OBJECTIVE)

(Marks : 25)

The figures in the margin indicate full marks for the questions

SECTION—I

(Marks : 15)

Put a Tick (✓) mark against the correct answer in the brackets provided : 1×15=15

1. Kinship is a/an _____ feature of human culture.

(a) formidable ()

(b) restricted ()

(c) universal ()

(d) autonomous ()

2. Affinity refers to relationship based on

- (a) blood ()
- (b) friendship ()
- (c) ego ()
- (d) marriage ()

3. Which of the following traces descent only through a single line of ancestors?

- (a) Cognatic ()
- (b) Unilineal ()
- (c) Ambilineal ()
- (d) Both (a) and (b) ()

4. *Elementary Structures of Kinship* is written by

- (a) Jack Goody ()
- (b) Lévi-Strauss ()
- (c) M. N. Srinivas ()
- (d) None of them ()

5. Which among the following social units practices exogamy?

- (a) Phratry ()
- (b) Clan ()
- (c) Tribe ()
- (d) All of the above ()

6. In addition to biological concerns, incest is also seen as a threat to

- (a) economic order ()
- (b) public order ()
- (c) social order ()
- (d) religious order ()

7. Godfather is an example of

- (a) fictive kinship ()
- (b) affinal kinship ()
- (c) consanguineous kinship ()
- (d) lineal kinship ()

8. Youth unrest is characterised by

- (a) individual concerns ()
- (b) collective dissent ()
- (c) dysfunctional conditions ()
- (d) Both (b) and (c) ()

9. Descent approach has been criticised on the ground that it lays too much emphasis on

- (a) consanguineal relations ()
- (b) affinal relations ()
- (c) adoptive relations ()
- (d) fictive relations ()

10. Under the Hindu Marriage Act (1955), divorce is allowed on the ground of

- (a) cruelty ()
- (b) adultery ()
- (c) desertion ()
- (d) All of the above ()

11. Who wrote the book, *Families We Choose : Lesbians, Gays, Kinship*?

- (a) Marilyn Strathern ()
- (b) Kath Weston ()
- (c) Margaret Mead ()
- (d) Kathy Reichs ()

12. The study of 'step-families' has gained importance due to increase in

- (a) divorce ()
- (b) remarriage ()
- (c) single-parenting ()
- (d) live-in relations ()

13. A chief characteristic feature of unisex family is

- (a) binary roles ()
- (b) exclusive roles ()
- (c) gender-neutral roles ()
- (d) gendered roles ()

14. The Dravidian marriage rules were based on

(a) parallel cousin marriage ()

(b) cross-cousin marriage ()

(c) Both of the above ()

(d) None of the above ()

15. In Hindu families, children born out of live-in arrangements are

(a) not entitled to claim inheritance of ancestral property ()

(b) entitled to claim inheritance in the parent's self-acquired property ()

(c) Both of the above ()

(d) None of the above ()

Answer any *five* of the following :

2×5=10

1. Bring out the definition of kinship.

2. Briefly explain the social implications of kinship.

3. Differentiate between Lineal kinship and Collateral kinship.

4. What is descent theory?

5. Distinguish between clan and filiation.

6. What is Juanita local residence in kinship?

7. What do you think are the major reasons of conflict between older and younger generations?

8. What is recasting kinship?
