

4 SEM TDC SOCH (CBCS) C 9

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(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) 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

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- (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

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- (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) : $4 \times 4 = 16$

- 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.

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(Turn Over)

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.
