

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

- (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

- (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'.

(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.
