

2017

( 5th Semester )

SOCIOLOGY

Paper No. : SOC-501

( Marriage, Family and Kinship )

Full Marks : 70

Pass Marks : 45%

Time : 3 hours

( PART : B—DESCRIPTIVE )

( Marks : 45 )

*The figures in the margin indicate full marks  
for the questions*

1. Discuss the different forms and rules of marriage.  $4\frac{1}{2}+4\frac{1}{2}=9$

Or

Discuss the challenges that are posing as a threat to the institution of marriage. 9

2. Explain the different stages of family life cycle. 9

Or

Discuss the changing trends in the structure and functions of family.  $4\frac{1}{2}+4\frac{1}{2}=9$

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( Turn Over )

3. Critically analyze the functionalist perspective on family. 9

Or

Explain the conflict perspective on family. 9

4. Discuss the classification of kinship terminologies with suitable examples. 9

Or

Explain the genealogical method with suitable illustration. 9

5. Write an essay on any one patrilineal system practice in North-East. 9

Or

What is matrilineal descent? Discuss the matrilineal system of the Khasis of Meghalaya. 2+7=9

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( PART : A—OBJECTIVE )

( Marks : 25 )

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**SECTION—I**

( Marks : 10 )

Put a Tick (✓) mark against the correct answer in the  
brackets provided : 1×10=10

1. Which country first legalized same-sex marriage?

(a) Netherlands ( )

(b) Belgium ( )

(c) Canada ( )

(d) England ( )

2. Which social anthropologist gave the term 'bridewealth'?

(a) Radcliffe-Brown ( )

(b) Max Weber ( )

(c) Evans-Pritchard ( )

(d) Robert Merton ( )

3. Duvall's development cycle of family stage 7/VII starts

(a) when the first child leaves home ( )

(b) when the youngest child leaves home ( )

(c) when one spouse dies or becomes seriously ill ( )

(d) when the first child enters school ( )

4. The Hindi kinship term 'Nani' is an example of

(a) descriptive term ( )

(b) classificatory term ( )

(c) compounded term ( )

(d) derivative term ( )

5. Matriliney implies that

- (a) descent is traced through the male ancestor ( )
- (b) residence is in the mother's house ( )
- (c) descent is traced through the female ancestor ( )
- (d) authority rests with the brother ( )

6. The sign '=<sup>—</sup>' (two parallel lines) between a male and a female implies that they are

- (a) offsprings ( )
- (b) siblings ( )
- (c) married ( )
- (d) cousins ( )

7. The symbolic interactionist views family as

- (a) a site of social reproduction where meanings are negotiated and maintained by family members ( )
- (b) a vehicle to maintain patriarchy and social inequality in society ( )
- (c) a construct that fulfills important functions and keeps society running smoothly ( )
- (d) None of the above ( )



8. The tradition of inheritance where the family property is inherited by the firstborn son is called

- (a) ultimogeniture ( )
- (b) postremogeniture ( )
- (c) primogeniture ( )
- (d) genitor ( )

9. The legal dissolution of marriage is called

- (a) divorce ( )
- (b) informal separation ( )
- (c) cohabitation ( )
- (d) domestic partnership ( )

10. The genealogical method was first developed by

- (a) George Murdock ( )
- (b) Lewis Morgan ( )
- (c) Kingsley Davis ( )
- (d) W. H. R. Rivers ( )

SECTION—II

( Marks : 5 )

Indicate whether the following statements are *True (T)* or *False (F)* by putting a Tick (✓) mark : 1×5=5

1. The term 'amitate' is one of the kinship usages used for father's sister who gets prime importance and respect.

( T / F )

2. A genitor refers to an actual biological father.

( T / F )

3. In the Garo society, only the youngest daughter is chosen as Nokna.

( T / F )

4. In genealogical method, an arrow '↓' sign indicates the 'ego' who will carry on the family line.

( T / F )

5. In a Naga kinship system if a woman dies unmarried, her 'self-acquired' property will be inherited by her brother's daughter.

( T / F )

SECTION—III

( Marks : 10 )

Write short answers on any *five* of the following :  $2 \times 5 = 10$

1. Write a short note on the interactionist perspective of family.



2. Differentiate between Consanguineous Kin and Affinal Kin.

3. Draw the following relationship :

X is Y's husband's mother's brother's daughter's husband.

4. Write a short note on dowry as a marriage transaction.

5. Explain the characteristics of family.

6. What is Marriage?



7. Briefly discuss the matrilineal system of the Garos.

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