

SOC-C-203 – Marriage, Family and Kinship

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Note: This assignment consists of four questions. You must answer a total of two questions in every assignment in about 1000-1500 words.

We expect you to attempt each question in logical manner in **own hand-writing**. You may attempt question in English or Hindi.

नोट: इस असाइनमेंट में चार प्रश्न हैं। आपको कुल दो प्रश्नों का उत्तर लगभग 1000-1500 शब्दों में देना होगा। हम आपसे अपेक्षा करते हैं कि आप प्रत्येक प्रश्न को अपनी हस्तलिपि में तार्किक ढंग से हल करें। आप अंग्रेजी या हिंदी में प्रश्न का प्रयास कर सकते हैं।

Assignment-1

Marks: 07 (3.5*2)

Q.1. What is Kinship? Explain in detail.

Q.2. Discuss the types of marriage in Hindu religion.

Q.3 How family structure changing in India.

Q.4 How does Louis Dumont explain the relationship between caste hierarchy and kinship in Indian society?

Assignment-2

Marks: 07 (3.5*2)

Q.1 What are the basic principles of descent theory, and how does it explain the structure of kinship systems?

Q.2 How does the exchange theory of marriage explain the practice of dowry or bride price?

Q.3 What does Louis Dumont mean by the term *Homo Hierarchicus*, and how does it relate to kinship in India?

Q.4 How do functionalist theories view the role of the family in maintaining social order?

Assignment-3

Marks: 06 (3*2)

Q.1 What role does kinship terminology play in shaping social organization and relationships within a society?

Q.2 How does urbanization affect traditional kinship patterns and family structures?

Q.3 Explain Irawati Karve's analysis of kinship in India. What were her key observations about the North Indian and South Indian kinship systems?

Q.4 Define A.M. Shah's perspective on the structure and function of the family in Indian society. How does his theory differ from traditional Western notions of family?