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Incest Taboos.

UPSC Civil Services Mains 2015 · Anthropology GS 1 · 10 marks · Marriage

2.3 Marriage: Definition and universality; Laws of marriage (endogamy, exogamy, hypergamy, hypogamy, incest taboo); Type of marriage (monogamy, polygamy, polyandry, group marriage). Functions of marriage; Marriage regulations (preferential, prescriptive and proscriptive); Marriage payments (bride wealth and dowry).

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Lévi-Strauss

The Elementary Structures of Kinship treated the incest rule as the passage from nature to culture.

Westermarck

Argued that early co-residence produces sexual indifference.

Malinowski

Trobriand avunculocal authority challenged a simple Freudian household triangle.

Gotra

North Indian exogamy often bans the father's clan line far beyond siblings.

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