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Q3(a)

Describe the cardinal points of descent and alliance theories.

UPSC Civil Services Mains 2016 · Anthropology GS 1 · 20 marks · Kinship

2.5 Kinship: Consanguinity and Affinity; Principles and types of descent (Unilineal, Double, Bilateral, Ambilineal); Forms of descent groups (lineage, clan, phratry, moiety and kindred); Kinship terminology (descriptive and classificatory); Descent, Filiation and Complimentary Filiation; Descent and Alliance.

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Fortes

Split politico-jural descent from the domestic group of filiation.

Lévi-Strauss

Elementary structures: prescribed marriage as social glue.

Dumont

Dravidian kinship as alliance; hierarchy of affines.

Restricted exchange

Two-group swapping of spouses; generalised exchange sends women one way in a circle.

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