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Lineage and Clan

UPSC Civil Services Mains 2016 · Anthropology GS 1 · 10 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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Evans-Pritchard

The Nuer: lineage segmentation as the political order.

Fortes

Tallensi descent groups; lineage as a jural corporation.

Clan

Stipulated descent; the apical ancestor may be animal or culture hero.

Exogamy

Marriage out of clan or lineage is a frequent rule, not a universal one.

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