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Q1(d)

Customary laws and Environmental conservation.

UPSC Civil Services Mains 2023 · 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).

Facts & figures for this PYQ only.

Numbers move. Confirm the latest Budget, Economic Survey or census round. This sheet is for revision, not a substitute for the model answer.

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Sacred groves

Ritual forests such as devara kadu and law kyntang where felling is restricted by customary sanction.

Elinor Ostrom

Showed that common-pool resources can be conserved by local rules, monitoring, and graduated sanctions.

Niyamgiri

Dongria Kondh sacred hill in Odisha, a contemporary case of customary landscape versus mining.

Forest Rights Act, 2006

Indian statute that can recognise community forest rights rather than treating customary use as encroachment.

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