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Q4(a)

Discuss the role of marriage regulations in traditional societies in India for strengthening social solidarity.

UPSC Civil Services Mains 2023 · Anthropology GS 1 · 20 marks · Family

2.4 Family: Definition and universality; Family, household and domestic groups; functions of family; Types of family (from the perspectives of structure, blood relation, marriage, residence and succession); Impact of urbanization, industrialization and feminist movements on family.

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Irawati Karve

Kinship Organization in India mapped regional marriage rules, including north Indian village exogamy and south Indian cross-cousin patterns.

Louis Dumont

Caste endogamy reproduces ritual hierarchy; marriage is not a free contract of individuals.

Claude Lévi-Strauss

Incest taboo and exchange of spouses create alliance between groups, the elementary structure of kinship.

Thomas Trautmann

Analysed Dravidian kinship as a systematic language of cross-cousin marriage.

M. N. Srinivas

Village ethnography showed marriage, feast, and faction as the working of local solidarity.

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