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Q3(b)

Define urbanization and discuss its impact on family in India with examples.

UPSC Civil Services Mains 2024 · Anthropology GS 1 · 15 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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Louis Wirth

Urbanism as a Way of Life linked urban social relations to population size, density and heterogeneity.

I. P. Desai

Indian family studies showed that jointness is multidimensional and can persist without one common residence.

A. M. Shah

Distinguished family and household and analysed household expansion, fission and recombination through a developmental cycle.

M. S. A. Rao

Indian urban anthropology emphasised migration, networks and social organisation rather than treating the city as anonymous individuals.

Split household

Circular migration can place earners in a city and dependants in a village while income, care and decisions continue across both.

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