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Anthropology short notes

Marriage

UPSC Civil Services (Main) Examination · Anthropology GS 1 · Anthropology GS 1 (Paper I)

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).

Short notes by official syllabus heading.

Revision notes for the Anthropology optional. Confirm thinkers and examples against standard texts and recent papers.

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Marriage

Definition

Segmental division → society divided into birth-based groups.

Thinkers

Philosophy for NEFA (1957) - Verrier Elwin

Definition

Definition

- Family is a biological-social unit

Example / case study

over-consumption of resources → karma teaches restraint.

Thinkers

4. Evaluative Phase (1990-Present) (not Vidyarthi's original)

Universality

Definition

Ethnicity refers to the manifestation of ethnic identity.

Laws Of Marriage

Definition

Marriage is a ritually recognised union between a man and a woman.

Thinkers

Malinowski and Radcliffe-Brown can be quoted for functional importance.

Endogamy**Definition**

Word "Casta" → Portuguese → means race/lineage.

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