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Q6(c)

How do the rules of descent and alliance in kinship differ from each other? Illustrate.

UPSC Civil Services Mains 2015 · Sociology GS 1 · 15 marks · Systems of Kinship

Systems of Kinship: Family, household, marriage; Types and forms of family; Lineage and descent; Patriarchy and sexual division of labour; Contemporary trends.

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Levi-Strauss

Elementary structures: kinship as exchange under the incest taboo.

Dumont

Stressed alliance in South Indian kinship against a purely descent reading.

Patriliney

Membership through the male line; common in North Indian lineages.

Cross-cousin marriage

A classic positive alliance rule in many Dravidian systems.

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