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Q8(a)

Discuss the changing nature of kinship relations in the contemporary world.

UPSC Civil Services Mains 2021 · Sociology GS 1 · 20 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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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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Levi-Strauss

Elementary structures: kinship as alliance and the exchange of spouses.

Goode

Predicted a world shift toward the conjugal family with industrialisation; empirically mixed.

Pure relationship

Giddens: intimacy continued for its own sake and exit, a limited late-modern possibility.

Kinship at a distance

Migrant and NRI relatedness through remittance, ritual media, and translocal marriage.

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