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Q1(c)

Marriage as an institution has undergone a radical transformation from 'ritual' to 'commercial' in its outlook. Explain the factors behind this change.

UPSC Civil Services Mains 2024 · Sociology GS 1 · 10 marks · Sociology

Sociology - The Discipline: Modernity and social changes in Europe and emergence of sociology; Scope of the subject and comparison with other social sciences; Sociology and common sense.

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Dowry Prohibition Act, 1961

The main statute against dowry. Weak enforcement and family collusion limit its effect on the marriage market.

Srinivas on modernised dowry

Groups that once practised bride-price adopted and inflated dowry as they sought higher status.

Hypergamy

The preference for a higher-status groom, which turns credentials and property into bargaining chips.

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