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Q4(a)

Give an account of the recent trends of marriage in the Indian context. How are these different from traditional practices?

UPSC Civil Services Mains 2025 · 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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Rising age at marriage

Linked to girls' education and urban labour, while child marriage remains in pockets.

Matrimonial markets

Websites and apps often reproduce caste and class filters, modernising search more than endogamy.

Legal pluralism

Personal laws, the **Special Marriage Act**, and partial recognition of live-in protection coexist with social sanction.

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