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Q4(c)

What is kinship? Briefly explain G. P. Murdock's contribution to the study of the kinship system

UPSC Civil Services Mains 2025 · Sociology GS 2 · 10 marks · Perspectives on the study of Indian society

Perspectives on the study of Indian society: Indology (G.S. Ghurye); Structural functionalism (M.N. Srinivas); Marxist sociology (A.R. Desai).

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G. P. Murdock

Social Structure (1949); comparative coding of residence, descent and family forms.

Irawati Karve

Mapped North-South Indian kinship differences, including Dravidian alliance patterns.

Gotra

Exogamous clan category among many Hindu groups; a kinship rule that is also a caste rule.

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