

Sociology of Kinship, Marriage and Family (42682)

Unit-A

Basic Terms and Concepts: Lineage, Clan, Phratry, Moiety, Kindred, Incest, Descent, Inheritance, Succession, Consanguinity and Affinity. Evolutionary Structural Functional Cultural and Gender Perspectives.

Unit-B

Kinship Terminology : Patrilineal, Matrilineal, Double and Cognatic Descent; Descent Groups, Corporate Groups and Local Groups.

Unit-C

Marriage and Affinity : Alliance Theory: Symmetrical and Asymmetrical Exchange, Prescriptive and Preferential Marriage, Monogamy and Polygamy, Marriage Transaction and Stability of Marriage.

Unit-D

Rules of Residence : Virilocal, Unxorilocal, Neolocal and Natolocal Residence The Genealogical Method Family : Nature of the Family, Family and Household, Elementary and Extended Family and Developmental Cycle.

Unit-E

Family and Marriage in India : Regional diversities, Forces of change and Family in the context of care of the child and the aged; Demographic dimensions of family and marriage.

Essential readings:

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Shah, A.M. 1974 The Household Dimension of the Family in India. Berkely : University of California Press.

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Dube, Leela 1974. Sociology of Kinship : An Analytical Survey of Literature. Bombay: Popular Prakashan.

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Keesing, R.M. 1975. Kingroups and Social Structure New York: Holt Rinehart and Winston.

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Schneider, D. 1965. American Kinship : A Cultural Account. London: Tavistock. **Pedagogy**

The student should be exposed to the diversity in systems of kinship, marriage and family patterns in ethnographically diverse situations. The attempt should also be to demonstrate how kinship patterns relate to political, economic stratification, demographic and other dimensions of the society. Students should be encouraged to draw genealogical charts.

