25.ASSESSMENT

Self-check Questions

1. A marriage custom where individuals are required to marry outside their own specific social group or clan is known as:

a) Endogamy

b) Monogamy

c) Exogamy

d) Polygyny

2. Which form of marriage involves one man marrying multiple women?

a) Polyandry

b) Polygamy

c) Polygyny

d) Monogamy

3. One of the primary functions of marriage across cultures is often considered to be:

a) Economic competition

b) Regulation of sexual activity and reproduction

c) Political alliance formation

d) Individual self-actualization

4. The practice where a woman has more than one husband simultaneously is called:

a) Polygyny

b) Polyandry

c) Bigamy

d) Group Marriage

5. In the context of changing marriage patterns in India, which trend is increasingly observed, especially in urban areas?

a) Increase in child marriages

b) Decline in love marriages

c) Rise in inter-caste and inter-religious marriages

d) Re-emergence of widespread polyandry

6. Endogamy requires individuals to marry within their own specific social group.

7. Polygamy is a general term that includes both polygyny and polyandry.

8. One of the universal functions of marriage is the socialization of children.

9. Arranged marriages are no longer prevalent in any part of India.

10. The importance of marriage as an institution is solely based on its role in providing companionship.

Answers to Self-Check Questions

1. c) Exogamy

2. c) Polygyny

3. b) Regulation of sexual activity and reproduction

4. b) Polyandry

5. c) Rise in inter-caste and inter-religious marriages

6. True

7. True

8. True

9. False

10. False

Short Answer Questions

Q1. Distinguish between exogamy and endogamy with a brief example for each.

Q2. List three important functions that the institution of marriage serves in most societies.

Q3. Briefly explain how globalization and urbanization have contributed to changing marriage patterns in India.

Long Answer Questions

Q1. Discuss the various forms of marriage (monogamy, polygamy, polyandry, polygyny), explaining their characteristics and providing examples of societies or contexts where they are/were practiced. Analyze the socio-cultural factors that might lead to the prevalence of one form over others.

Q2. Elaborate on the significance of marriage as a social institution in India. Discuss at least three major ways in which marriage patterns are currently changing in India, considering factors such as family structure, caste, religion, and urban-rural divide.