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Chapter Name : Understanding Social Institutions

Q1 Note what are the marriage rules that are followed in your society. Compare your observations with those made by other students in the class. Discuss.

Answer. The marriage rules that are followed in the society are primarily patriarchal and discriminatory in which primacy is always given to the male-dominated section while as the opinions of the other party are completely negated and nullified to the minimum. The predominance of child marriage in some societies and the familial interference into the private institution of marriage is a major flaw in the societal marriage rules as they are traditional and stagnant. The other rules in marriages also include the predominance of notion of dowry which affects the paradigm of consent and consensus among the parties of marriage . The rules associated with marriage like V-ritual and other discriminative rituals result in the objectification of women and its celebration too.

The feministic perspective towards the marriage changes from one societal paradigm to another because of evident social differences and the concept of marriage in different societies is subject to 'power sharing' where the argumental and participational capacity is only given to the male-dominated section. The effect of discrimination upon the institution of marriage changes the patterns of social control and practices.

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Q2 Find out how membership, residence patterns and even the mode of interaction changes in the family with broader economic, political and cultural changes , for instance migration .

Answer. Globalisation is a prevailing notion in the society as its quite pervasive in its consequential harms and benefits enforced by socio- economic and political changes.

-The global economic changes for example the economic recession or the oil prices are determined by the economic giants like USA , China and OPEC countries but these economic changes result in the tremendous impact upon the employment , trade and budget within a society which affects the family on the lines of its economic happiness.

-The global political changes like the Islamophobic laws, White supremacy etc results in the triggering of tension and survival reductionism within a family , where it loses its native exclusivity and emerges as a political institutions.

-The social changes on the lines of liberalism affects the conservative structures of the family due to the effect of feminism, socialism etc.

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Q3 Write an essay on work . Focus on both the range of occupations , which exist and how they change ?

Answer. The materialistic definition of 'work' is mainly assessed in terms of its monetary value and the addition to the economic structure of the country. The 'Formal economy' and its development is also considered as ' work' but the aspects of 'Informal economy' are not taken into the assessment which results in oppression of particular sections of the society.

The range of occupations range from the household , agriculture , industry etc. These range of occupations have changed tremendously due to the impact to capitalism and changing social narratives of the country. The occupations changed to being more industrialised or money-oriented due to the economic transformation of the society .

The agricultural sector has shown a tremendous decline in regards with the human capital as the increasing inclination is towards the industrial sectors. Changing occupational patterns are subject to environment, stipends, and other governing factors of the society.

The recent change in the employment sectors like equal pay , minimum wage etc has created a colossal change in the occupational structure of the respective countries and gave rise to a new type of discourse on the lines of occupational equality.

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Q4 Discuss the kind of rights that exist in your society. How do they affect your life ?

Answer. The rights are the claims or the social conditions demanded by the individuals from the state and in the society, the prevailing notion of the society are present in the terms of :

- Political rights.
- Economic rights.
- Social rights.
- Cultural rights.
- Religious rights.

The political rights include the right to vote or the right of the citizens to choose their representatives for their own benefit. These political lives influence the people's lives by enhancing the participation and representation of identities.

The socio-economic rights have a tremendous impact upon the establishment of equality within the society in terms of societal and economic parameters. The religious and cultural rights to enhance one's freedom to profess any religion and the right to preserve one's culture.

These rights affect the lives of the people as it gives a sense of legitimacy to the claims of the people and to their prevailing form of government . It further puts restraints on the power of the state and increases the sense of security among the citizens.

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Q5 How does sociology study religion ?

Answer. The sociological study of religion is primarily done in three phases , the first phase deals with the empirical studies as it is based on the lived experiences of the people. The second phase , deals with the comparative studies between the religious institutions and their

practices . The third phase, deals with the investigation of the religious practices , beliefs etc and the respective analysis of these practices.

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Q6 Write an essay on school as a social institution . Draw from both your reading as well as your personal observations ?

Answer. The institution of school is imperative for the establishment of the educational premise which results in the maximum and integrated development of an individual . The school is responsible for the inculcation of social , cultural and moral norms within the identities of the students. The most important notion about the 'school' is the essence of interaction and association within the individuals to negate and assess the validity of the societal stereotypes.

The impact of this institution upon the character building of an individual is tremendous as it modifies as well as tries to eradicate the fragments of social conditioning from the intellect of individuals.

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Q7 Discuss how these social institutions interact with each other . You can start the discussion from yourself as a senior student . And moved on to how you are shaped by different social institutions . Are you entirely controlled or can you also resist and redefine the social institutions?

Answer. As a senior student , the institution of the family has shaped the dreams , beliefs , faith etc of my existence as the forces of religion have further empowered the notions of importance of morality and spirituality in my life . The social identities mixed with the economic institutions also shaped my position among different classes in the society and also created restraints upon the choices or preferences. These controlling factors have an impact upon my life and choices but the resistance through the political and social awakening has helped me to assess these concepts and create a true balance between tradition and modernity.

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