

☞ FAMILY

- ☞ Family is known as a **primary group** .
- ☞ Social institutions ,basic unit of he society and a key association of the human society.
- ☞ There is **no society in the world** where family is **not found** .
- ☞ Primitive society , rural society and the urban society ,the **family fulfils basic needs of the society** .
- ☞ The origin of the English word “family” is trace to roman word “Famulus” or to the latin word “Familia” meaning a **house-hold** comprising or servants workers and of salves along with other individuals having marriage **or blood relations** .
- ☞ The word like “ “kutumba” and “privar” have more or less the same meaning .
- ☞ **According to sociologist ,a group which has three relations is called family these relations are :**
 1. Husband-wife relation
 2. Parents-children relations
 3. Sibling relation

☞ DEFINITION

- ☞ Family is the “ biological , social unit , composed of **husband ,wife and children .”**

Eliot and Merrill

- ☞ Family is a “ **durable** association of **husband and wife with or without children** ; or of a **man or women alone , with children** .

Ogburn and Nimkoff

- ☞ “Family is a group defined by a **sex relationship sufficiently precise and enduring** to provide for the procreation and upbringing of children .”

MacIver

☞ Definition of joined family

- ☞ Joined family is “ group of people who generally live under one roof ,who eat food cooked at one earth ,who hold property in common and who participate in common family worship and are related to each other as some particular type of kindred.

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☞ **Nuclear family**

☞ Nuclear family is that family in which husband ,wife, and their unmarried children are included .

☞ **DEFINITION :**

“ Nuclear family is such a group ,which is based on physical relations and it is so small and strong that it has the capacity to manage the birth and nature of children .”

☞ **EXTENDED FAMILY**

☞ An extended family is family that extends beyond the nuclear family , consisting of aunts , uncles and cousins all living nearby or in the same household .

☞ It is part of nuclear family .another family either related by blood or by acquaintance stays together due to lack of accommodation ,but cooks separately .

☞ **Blended family**

☞ It is family consisting of a couple ,the children they have had together and their children from previous relationships .

☞ Step families also known as blended family are more of a norm now than ever .

☞ Children in blended families may at first resist the many changes they face .

☞ Fortunately ,most blended family members are able to work about their growing pains and live together successfully .

☞ Open communication ,positive attitudes ,mutual respects and plenty of love and patience all have an importance place in creating a healthy blended family

☞ Characteristics of blended family

☞ Related by marriage or living together

☞ One biological parents plus one separation

☞ Parents needs of his/her /their children

☞ Little/no time for the development of forms and norms children are already part of the picture .

- ☞ Different backgrounds and ways of seeing the world often conflict .not enough time for these to evolve and be reconciled .
- ☞ Couple never came first before the children
- ☞ Couple must come together almost immediately to establish new rules ,routines ,structures for all involved
- ☞ **Modern family changes**
- ☞ The family as a basic social institution has been undergoing change .
- ☞ The modern family radically differs from that of traditional one.
- ☞ The family has never been at rest .both in its structure and functions change have taken place .
- ☞ Some of these changes are discussed below :-

☞ **DOWRY SYSTEM**

- ☞ The practice of giving a dowry or a gift to a women at marriage is said to have its origins in the system of “streedhan “(women’s share of parental wealth given to her at the time of her marriage).as a woman had no right to inherit a share of the ancestral property streedhan was seen as a way by which the family ensured that she had access to some of its wealth.
- ☞ There is no clear proof as to when this practice was first started in India .
- ☞ What began as gifts of land to a women as her inheritance in an essentially agricultural economy today has degenerated into gift to gold ,clothes ,consumer durables and large sums of cash ,which has sometimes entailed the impoverishment and heavy indebtedness of poor families .
- ☞ The dowry is often used by the receiving families for business purposes, family member’s education or the dowry to be given for the husband’s sister .

☞ **MEANING**

- ☞ Dowry in the payment in cash or any kind by the bride’s family to the bridegroom’s family along with the giving away of the pride in Indian marriage .
- ☞ “ The Indian term for Dowry is called as Kanyadaan it is an important part of Hindu marital rites .
- ☞ Kanya means daughter and Dana means gift .

- ☞ In “kanyadan “ the father of the bride offers the groom money or property ,etc .
- ☞ Dowry system refers to the customable or culture practice that involves giving away of a large sum of cash , property and other voluble at the time of marriage by the parents of the bride to the family of the groom.

☞ **MARRIAGE**

- ☞ Marriage is one of the universal social institution .it is established by the human society to control and regulate the sex life of man .
- ☞ It is closely connected with the institution of family.
- ☞ Its purpose ,function and forms may differ from society to society , but it is present every where as an institution .

☞ **DEFINITION**

- ☞ Marriage as “ the more or less durable connection between male and female lasting beyond the mere act of propagation till after the birth of offspring .

Edward Westermarck

- ☞ Marriage is relatively permanent bond between permissible mates .

Robert H Lowie

- ☞ The marriage is a “ contract for the production and maintenance of children”.

Malinowskt

- ☞ Marriage is the approved social pattern whereby two or more persons establish a family .