

**B.A. SOCIOLOGY EXAMINATION, 2025**

**DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY**

**2nd Year, 2nd Semester**

**Subject Code : ARTS/SOCI/UG/MINOR/TH/22/201B**

**RELATIONSHIP AND INTIMACY (MINOR)**

**Time : Two Hours**

**Full Marks : 30**

Answer *either* in **English** *or* in **Bengali**

**Module - I**

**CO1**

1. a) Briefly explain how urbanization impacts family structure in India. 6

**Or**

- b) Describe the key marriage customs among the tribes of North-East India. What do these customs say about the social function of marriage? 3+3

**CO2**

2. a) What is “drama” in the context of social media and peer victimization? Give examples. 4

**Or**

- b) In what ways can diverse friendships challenge systems of social stratification? 4

**CO3**

3. a) Is justice necessary within the family unit? Evaluate Michael Sandel’s perspective on justice. 5

**Or**

- b) Why does Levi-Strauss view marriage as an alliance? 5

**Module - II**

**CO4**

4. a) What is meant by “networked intimacy”? How does it shape modern dating experiences? 1+3

**Or**

- b) What is the concept of “boundary work” and how does it apply to the construction of intimacy? 4

**CO5**

5. a) Illustrate with examples how the lived experiences of women in Mohini Nagar (Delhi’s slum neighbourhoods) challenge the dominant ideals of love and arranged marriage? 5

**Or**

- b) Describe how women’s bawdy songs create a “safe space” for expressing taboo subjects. 5

**CO6**

6. a) What do you understand by ‘social capital’ as used by Robert Putnam? What according to Robert Putnam, are the main causes for the decline of social capital in America? 2+4

**Or**

- b) Discuss how gendered expectations of love and care are reproduced in later-life partnerships among older adults in India. 6

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