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1. Given below are two statements, one is labelled as Assertion (A) and the other is labelled as Reason (R).  
Assertion (A): Irawati Karve’s analysis of kinship patterns in India challenges the simplistic division between northern and southern kinship structures.  
Reason (R): Karve proposed that kinship structures in India should be viewed as a spectrum, reflecting a complex interplay of socio-cultural factors rather than discrete categories.  
In light of the above statements, choose the most appropriate answer from the options below:  
(1) Both Assertion and Reason are correct, and Reason is the correct explanation of Assertion.  
(2) Both Assertion and Reason are correct, but Reason is not the correct explanation of Assertion.  
(3) Assertion is correct, but Reason is incorrect.  
(4) Assertion is incorrect, but Reason is correct.  
Answer Key: 1  
Solution:  
• Assertion (A) is correct: Irawati Karve’s seminal work in anthropology and sociology delved deeply into the intricacies of kinship patterns across different regions of India, challenging overly simplistic binary categorizations.  
• Reason (R) is correct: Her approach emphasized the diversity and the nuanced continuum of social practices across regions, advocating for an analysis that acknowledges these complexities.  
• Hence, both Assertion and Reason are correct, and Reason is the correct explanation of Assertion.  
Hence, Option (1) is the right answer.  
  
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2. Given below are two statements, one is labelled as Assertion (A) and the other is labelled as Reason (R).  
Assertion (A): A.R. Desai’s Marxist interpretation of Indian society focuses on the structural contradictions within the capitalist framework.  
Reason (R): Desai argues that the persistence of feudal elements within the Indian economy serves to exacerbate these contradictions, thereby delaying the transition to a more advanced stage of capitalist development.  
In light of the above statements, choose the most appropriate answer from the options below:  
(1) Both Assertion and Reason are correct, and Reason is the correct explanation of Assertion.  
(2) Both Assertion and Reason are correct, but Reason is not the correct explanation of Assertion.  
(3) Assertion is correct, but Reason is incorrect.  
(4) Assertion is incorrect, but Reason is correct.  
Answer Key: 3  
Solution:  
• Assertion (A) is correct: A.R. Desai, a prominent sociologist, analyzed Indian society through a Marxist lens, emphasizing the impact of capitalist structures and their inherent contradictions.  
• Reason (R) is incorrect: Although Desai discussed the role of feudal elements, his analysis primarily centered around the broader socio-economic impacts rather than pinpointing them as a direct cause for delaying capitalist development.  
• Hence, Assertion is correct, but Reason is incorrect.  
Hence, Option (3) is the right answer.  
  
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3. Given below are two statements, one is labelled as Assertion (A) and the other is labelled as Reason (R).  
Assertion (A): Yogendra Singh’s conceptualization of modernization in India suggests that traditional elements can coexist with modernity, leading to a unique blend rather than a complete transformation.  
Reason (R): Singh posits that the Indian context of modernization is marked by a synthesis approach, where modern institutions adapt and integrate traditional cultural elements, which helps in a smoother transition of society.  
In light of the above statements, choose the most appropriate answer from the options below:  
(1) Both Assertion and Reason are correct, and Reason is the correct explanation of Assertion.  
(2) Both Assertion and Reason are correct, but Reason is not the correct explanation of Assertion.  
(3) Assertion is correct, but Reason is incorrect.  
(4) Assertion is incorrect, but Reason is correct.  
Answer Key: 4  
Solution:  
• Assertion (A) is incorrect: Yogendra Singh actually argued that the impact of modernization in India often leads to a conflict between traditional and modern elements rather than their coexistence.  
• Reason (R) is correct: He did discuss the synthesis approach in the context of modernization, highlighting how certain modern institutions in India have indeed adapted traditional elements, but emphasized that this is not a universal or smooth transition.  
• Hence, Assertion is incorrect, but Reason is correct.  
Hence, Option (4) is the right answer.