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# Marriage system of the Bodos

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## 1.1 Introduction:

Marriage is one of the universal social institutions. It is established by the human society in order to control the social life of man. The institution of family is closely connected with the institution of marriage. The family and marriage are complementary to each other in the proper sense of the term. Being an institution of society marriage possesses different implications in different cultures of the world. The purposes, functions and forms of marriage may differ from society to society. But the marriage is present everywhere as an institution.

In connection with the marriage the Encyclopaedia of the Social Sciences mentions:

Human mating differs from the sex indulgence of other species in that it is normally appraised according to normal distinctive of each society. Marriage denotes those unequivocal sanction and thus comes to underlie family life. It is therefore not extensive with sex life, which embraces mating of inferior status in the social scheme of values. A realistic analysis of those do not confound theory and actuality in sex