- **Rise in age of marriage:** Few legal changes and concerns for career and higher education etc are leading to rise in the age of marriage.

- **New experiments** like live-in, single parent families and same sex marriages are also gaining more attractions due to liberal interpretations of laws.

- **Manner of mate selection:** It is also changing and love marriages are becoming more common.

- **Inter caste marriages** are also becoming a norm.

- **Widow Remarriages**: These were generally forbidden by the Hindu Dharma Sastras. A Hindu widow had, either to give up all her joys in life and lead a chaste life or to accompany her dead husband by immolating herself on his funeral pyre. Today, there is a marked change in this respect.

- **Role of technology:** while one side these changes made marriage a more liberal process as young people meet online, date and get married but at the same time it also reinforced traditional form as many caste and community specific matrimony sites have also come up.

- **Easy divorce and separation laws:** Divorce and separation laws were made women friendly.

Impact of westernization on Indian value system

Context:

Western cultural elements have gained social sanction and western values are rapidly being absorbed into Indian culture and life style.

Adverse impact of westernization on our value system

- **Loss of group identity:** The encouragement of the Western ideal of individualism has led to the loss of group identity and solidarity especially amongst young Indians. This has had an erosional impact on India's traditional institutions of marriage, family and household.

- **Rise of consumerism**: It is seen as fundamentally against the cultural ethos of the Indian society which has traditionally been closer to nature and driven by austerity. It can be witnessed in the changing dietary patterns of Indian people, especially in urban India, which leads to overconsumption, wastage of food, rise in obesity and other lifestyle diseases.

- **Impact on Indian education system**: The present education system structure reflects western ideas and philosophies both in design and content. The curriculum follows the cognitive styles of the dominant Western culture, which has impacted the minds of Indian students. The traditional Indian system, which included character and moral development of human being is missing.

- Introduction of western ways of life especially through Hollywood movies and social media has increased party culture in India exposing the youth towards increased alcohol and substance addiction. It has also exposed them to pornography, vulgarity, racism, political propaganda, etc.

- **Decline in Indian ethical values**: Westernisation has led to decline in ethical values amongst people. For example, values such as honesty, integrity, kindness, truthfulness, and respect towards elders are becoming secondary as compared to attaining profits and material wealth.

- Many also consider celebrations of Valentine's Day, New Year's Eve etc. as a form of cultural invasion by many.

Positive impact of westernization on our value system

- Modernisation has also brought a few progressive values such as humanism, egalitarianism, secularism etc. Our criminal law has been reformed. Evil customs like sati ended, Untouchability was abolished.