Appendix B
Narration for Verbal Informed Consent and Interview Schedule

On the telephone:

Namaskar! I am Ms Rachana Kulkarni, PhD / research student and lecturer at the Department of Human Development and Family Studies, Faculty of Home science, The M S University of Baroda. I got your reference from Mr / Ms. I have called you for my research about social-moral development processes in families with young / adolescent children. I am especially interested in selecting (Brahmin / Maratha) Maharashtrian families for the research. Your family meets the selection criteria perfectly and I thought I should inquire if you would be interested in participating in my research. I will tell you a little more about the research.

As part of the research interview, I will pose to you 4 hypothetical (fabricated/ not real) scenarios or situations, which keep occurring in our day to day lives. You need to understand the scenarios. Then I will also pose some questions to you, based on the scenarios. For example, “what would you do if you were in such a situation?”. If the person on the line was interested to know specific details about the situation an abridged version of scenario 1 (helping an injured person) was provided. So if you agree to participate fully in the study, we could set up a mutually convenient time and meet at your residence for the interview. As far as possible, please let me know of times when all three of you would be available, one after the other. All three family members would be asked the same questions but the interviews will have to be conducted individually. I will also tape record your interviews so that we can have a good discussion where both of us (investigator and interviewee) are equally participating. Please be rest assured of the confidentiality of your responses; they will be used only for academic and research purposes.

Before the interview, at the respondents’ residence, with each respondent:

Now I will narrate some hypothetical scenarios to you which occur in our day to day life. Please understand the scenario and answer some questions based on the scenario. Kindly answer the questions honestly and frankly based on your understanding of the situation. It is important for you to know that there are no ‘right’ or ‘wrong’ answers to the questions. I have not decided on any answer before hand, even in my own mind. What is of utmost importance and interest to me is your personal opinion.

If at all, anytime during the interview you feel that you have not understood something or the situation / question needs to be repeated, please let me know.
Again, if you feel that you need time to think or will answer any question later on, we can do that. If you feel you don’t agree with something, say so or if you feel you don’t want to answer any question or scenario, feel free to let me know—we can skip those parts.

I will be tape recording your interview so that no data is lost and I can write down the interview later. The dictaphone / cassette player will just be lying there on the table and we will talk about the hypothetical scenarios just like we are having a discussion.

I also want to assure you that I will not share the information you have given with anyone else. All the information in the interview, including your name, family name, address and identity will be kept confidential and the data will be used only for academic and research purposes. No one will know that this particular answer was given by so and so. If you are interested in knowing about the study results, I shall be happy to share them with you, once the study is completed and appropriately documented.

Please do not share the hypothetical scenarios or interview questions with members of the family whom I have not yet interviewed or others (snowball references).

Please let me know when you are ready for the interview and we can begin.
INTERVIEW SCHEDULE

**Hypothetical Scenario 1:**
(Alter the nature of the appointment depending on the profession of the respondent)
Suppose you are on your way to work in the morning. You are already running late for an extremely important appointment in office which cannot be avoided. So you are going to office in a hurry. On your way, you see that the person driving ahead of you suddenly falls off his vehicle and is seriously injured. What would you do in such a situation?
Why would you do this?
Let's say your meeting / exam is really crucial for you. If you don't go then it is going to lead to some personal loss or affect you negatively. Would you still wait and help this person?
Suppose another person in your situation does not wait to help the injured person and continues with his appointment because that is more important for him. How appropriate would that be according to you?

**Hypothetical Scenario 2:**
A farmer (living in a village) has three sons. The farmer has educated all his sons well and made them well qualified. Two of the (elder) sons have good jobs and are settled in the city. Now it is time for the third (youngest) son to begin his career. The third son feels he should also experience urban life and have a career in the city like his brothers. The farmer, on the other hand, wants his third son to stay back in the village. He feels two of my sons are already in the city, now at least the youngest one should stay back in the village and look after ancestral property and fields. So the father expects the son to stay and the son wants to go to the city. In such a situation, what would you do if you were the son / father? (Ask depending on whether respondent is parent or child)
Why will you do this?
Why is it important to ?
What would you do if you were in the father's / son's place?
Why is it important to . ?
Suppose in this case the father says, I will not permit you to go even if you wish to go to the city. How appropriate is this?
Suppose the son was to say that I don't care what my father wishes, once I have decided to go to the city means, I will definitely go. How appropriate is this? What would be the best solution in this case?

**Hypothetical Scenario 3:**

In a family, there is a young couple, husband and wife, and the elderly father-in-law (husband’s father). Both the son & the daughter-in-law (the couple) are educated but unemployed. One day, co-incidentally both of them apply for the same job and come to know of this later. Both receive calls for the interview and proceed for the same. On the day of the interview at the office, they realize that they are the only two candidates short-listed for the post and there are no other candidates. The daughter-in-law is called in first for the interview. She does the interview well and is satisfied with her effort. The son is called in next. The son does not do the interview well and is not satisfied with his effort. He feels he could have performed better. They come home and tell the father whatever happened. The father (or the father-in-law) suggests that if my daughter-in-law foregoes this job then my son may get it. Is it alright for the father-in-law to suggest something like this? Why? What could be the reason for the FIL to suggest something like this? What would you do if you were in the father-in-law’s place? Why? What would you have done if you were in the husband’s place? Why?

Suppose the DIL gets the job, and then the father-in-law and the husband decide that she should not take it because if she stays out of the house for the job, who will take care of the house? There are so many things in the house that a woman takes care of, cooking, household chores...How appropriate is this? What would you have done if you were in the daughter-in-law’s place? If someone would have suggested something like this and asked you to leave the job you have already secured? Suppose she tries to convince them and they don’t get convinced. then as a daughter-in-law, what would you do? Why would you do so? What would happen if she takes up the job against their (the husband and the father-in-law) wishes? What will you do if there is opposition? What would be the best solution in this case?
Hypothetical Scenario 4:
In a family, there are old parents and their only son. The only son works in another city and stays there. One day the father suddenly meets with an accident and expires. The son decides not to perform the last funeral rites (antum sanskaar, agni sanskaar, kriyakarma) of the father. He decides to donate the father's body for medical research.

How appropriate is the decision? Why?

Suppose the mother wants the funeral rites to be done and the son wants to donate the body then...

Why is important to respect the mother’s wishes?

Suppose the father had a wish that his body should be donated then...

Can the son decide the matter alone?

What is the importance of doing the funeral rites, according to you?

What would happen if you don’t perform them?