1. Define groups and explain the different types of groups.

Ans: “When two or more individuals come together and influence one another, they may be called a social group”

A social group is a collectivity of two or more individuals who are in state of interaction with one another. State of social interaction refers to reciprocal influence individuals exert on one another through inter-stimulation and response. This state of social interaction or inter-influence is a compulsory characteristic of a social group. A group of boys discussing the last watched movie is a social group because through their verbal interaction, they are influencing one another.

TYPES OF SOCIAL GROUPS

Social groups have following types:

- On the basis of contact (C.H Cooley)
  1. Primary Group
  2. Secondary Group
- On the basis of Identification (W.G Sumner)
  1. In-group
  2. Out-group
- On the basis of rules and regulation
  1. Formal Group
  2. Informal Group
- On the basis of structure (Dwight Sanderson)
  1. Voluntary Group
  2. Involuntary Group
  3. Delegate Group
- On the basis of relation to society (George Hassen)
  1. Un-social Group
  2. Pseudo-social Group
  3. Anti-social Group
  4. Pro-social Group

ON THE BASIS OF CONTACT

On the basis of contact among the member, social groups are divided into two types: Primary and Secondary Group.

1. **Primary Group**

The concept of Primary Group is given by C.H Cooley. Primary groups have following characteristics: