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ABSTRACT

The present research subverts the orientalist perspective on eastern extended family how the west overlooks its significances. Moreover, it exposes some misleading aspects of the nuclear family that emphasizes on the individualism. And the research believes that over emphasis on individualism tends to breed selfishness and the sense of anarchism in an individual. The family is fertile for disharmony and disintegrations in community. The research highlights the eastern extended family over nuclear family on the basis of tolerance the Nariman Vakeel, the Major character in the novel performs. He, in this novel *Family Matter* despite the adversities of life: extreme economic problem physical suffering from Parkinson disease at the age of 79, conspiracy hatched against him by his step- children, he remains calm and patient. He is after all in his family that provides soothing power.

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