

## 2.6 Network

In day-to-day interaction, an individual meets and comes into contact with several persons. Depending upon the nature of those persons, an individual chooses appropriate linguistic forms while interacting with them. These persons may be mainly classified into two categories.

1. Those who are in the kin network level
- and 2. Those who are in the social network level.

These two network levels have been taken up for this study.

### 2.6.1 Kin Network Level

In the kin network level, five generations of people have been taken into consideration for this study. They are (1) grand father, (2) father, (3) ego, (4) son, and (5) grandson. Apart from this, paternal relatives, maternal relatives and affinal relatives have also been included in this study.

### 2.6.2 Social Network Level

In the social network level, twelve category of persons were identified for this study. It is assumed that an individual comes into contact quite often with these twelve categories of individuals. The twelve categories are as follows :