**Appendix: Semi-Structured Interview Schedule**

**I. Identity of Informants**

1. What is the age of the informant?
2. 21-30 years
3. 31-40 years
4. 41-50 years
5. >51 years
6. What is the informant’s sex?
7. Male
8. Female
9. How many relatives does the informant have in the same village?
10. None
11. A family
12. Two families
13. Three families
14. Four families or more
15. How many times have the informant’s family members conducted burial rituals?
16. None
17. Once
18. Twice
19. Three times
20. Four times or more

**II. Burial Rituals’ Implications**

1. Do you think people should involve in a burial ritual?
2. Yes, because …………………………………….
3. No, because …………………………………….
4. Have you ever been involved in a burial ritual, and in what phase?
5. Yes, please mention:

1. Organizing a meeting

2. Cleaning the grave

3. Announcing to the people

4. Having a *khanduri*

5. Making a pilgrimage

6. Other, please mention …………………………………….

1. No
2. What is the reason you participate in a burial ritual?
3. For personal reason
4. To increase a sense of brotherhood
5. It is a compulsory requirement for cultural norms
6. It is a compulsory requirement for religious practices
7. Other, please mention …………………………………….
8. How do you contribute to a burial ritual?

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1. What did you feel when participating in a burial ritual?

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1. How do you see the COVID-19 pandemic affect the burial ritual?

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