

## Family Questions

### **Functions of the family:**

- 1) Explain the reproduction function of the family. (3)
- 2) Explain the primary socialisation function of the family. (3)
- 3) Explain the emotional support function of the family. (3)
- 4) Explain the economic provision function of the family. (3)
- 5) Explain what sociologists mean by geographical mobility. (3)
- 6) Identify and explain one function of the family. (4)
- 7) Explain the feminist view of the nuclear family. (4)
- 8) Explain the Marxist view of the nuclear family. (4)
- 9) Explain Parsons' view of the family. (4)
- 10) Criticise Parsons' view of the family. (4)
- 11) Discuss how far sociologists agree that reproduction is the main function of the family. (12)
- 12) Discuss how far sociologists agree that families are the main agent of socialisation. (12)

### **Family Diversity:**

- 1) Explain what sociologists mean by family diversity. (3)
- 2) Explain what sociologists mean by the nuclear family. (3)
- 3) Identify 4 types of family found in the UK. (4)
- 4) Identify and describe one type of family type in the UK. (4)
- 5) Identify one family type that is increasing in the UK and explain why it is increasing. (4)
- 6) Explain the functionalist view of the cereal packet family. (4)
- 7) Explain what sociologists mean by cohabitation. (3)
- 8) Identify and explain one alternative to living with a family in the UK. (4)
- 9) Identify and explain how one turning point in an individual's life might lead to change in their family or household situation. (4 marks)
- 10) Using your knowledge of research done by the Rapoport, explain one difference between working class and middle class families. (4)
- 11) Identify and explain one advantage and one disadvantage to the research method used by the Rapoport. (4)
- 12) Explain what sociologists mean by a commune. (3)
- 13) Explain what sociologists mean by a kibbutz. (3)
- 14) Explain the symmetrical family identified by Young & Willmott. (4)
- 15) Discuss how far sociologists agree that the nuclear family type is still important in the UK. (12)
- 16) Discuss how far sociologists agree that families are becoming symmetrical. (12)
- 17) Discuss how far sociologists agree that there is a 'typical British family' today. (12)
- 18) Discuss how far sociologists agree that different social classes have different experiences of marriage. (12)

### **Family Roles:**

- 1) Explain what sociologists mean by domestic violence. (3)
- 2) Identify and explain one way which power is determined in the family. (4)
- 3) Identify and explain one way in which relationships between parents and children have changed over the last 100 years. (3)
- 4) Identify and explain one role that the extended family can fulfil to support new parents. (4)
- 5) Explain Oakley's opinion on the roles of men and women in the family. (4)
- 6) Explain what sociologists mean by the double/triple shift. (3)
- 7) Explain what sociologists mean by segregated conjugal roles. (3)
- 8) Discuss how far sociologists agree that in Britain today the wider family is becoming less important in people's lives. (12)
- 9) Discuss how far sociologists agree that feminism caused family life to change. (12)
- 10) Discuss how far sociologists agree that men and women are equal in the British family. (12)

### **Marriage and divorce:**

- 1) Explain what sociologists mean by secularisation. (3)
- 2) Identify and explain one reason why marriage is decreasing. (4)
- 3) Identify and explain one consequence of divorces for parents. (3)
- 4) Identify and explain one consequence of divorces for children. (3)
- 5) Identify and explain one reason for the increase in divorces in the UK. (4)
- 6) Discuss how far sociologists agree that marriage is still important in British society. (12)
- 7) Discuss how far sociologists would agree that changing social attitudes are the main reason for changes in the divorce rate over the past 50 years. (12)
- 8) Discuss how far sociologists agree that changing gender roles in society are responsible for the increase in divorce since the 1960s. (12)