

Paper 2: Topics in Sociology Families & Households Checklist

Specification Area	Covered	Assessment	Revised
Defining the family			
Families in different societies			
Theories of the family			
• Functionalism			
• New Right			
• Marxism			
• Feminism			
The relationship of the family to the social structure and social change with references to the economy and to state policies			
Demographic trends in the UK since 1900; Reasons for changes in:			
• Birth rates			
• Death rates			
• Family size			
• Life expectancy			
• Ageing population			
• Migration			
• Globalisation			
Changing patterns of:			
• Marriage			
• Cohabitation			
• Separation			
• Divorce			
• childbearing			
• Life course			

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The sociology of personal life			
The diversity of contemporary family and household structures including:			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • lone parent families 			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • reconstituted families 			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • gay and lesbian families 			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • cultural diversity 			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • living alone 			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • living with friends 			
Changes in: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the division of domestic labour • the distribution of power in the family 			
The nature of childhood, and changes in the status of children in the family and society.			