

## A level Sociology: Specimen Questions

## Paper 2: Families

### 10 MARKS

1. Outline and explain two changes in society which may have contributed to women's changing roles within families.
2. Outline and explain two ways in which Marxists say that the family benefits capitalism.
3. Outline and explain two functions performed by the family for individuals and for society.
4. Outline and explain two changes in society which have contributed to the increase in single person households.
5. Outline and explain two ways in which women's involvement in paid work has affected family structures
6. Applying material from the Item and your knowledge, analyse two changes in the position of children in society over the last 100 years.
7. Applying material from the Item and your own knowledge, analyse two reasons for the diversity of families and households in Britain today
8. Applying material from the Item and your own knowledge, analyse two ways in which laws and government policies may affect family life
9. Applying material from the Item and your own knowledge, analyse two demographic changes which have impacted on family life.
10. Applying material from the Item and your own knowledge, analyse two functions performed by the family

### 20 MARKS

11. Applying material from Item B and from your knowledge, evaluate the view that childhood is being lost in society today.
12. Applying material from Item B and from your knowledge, evaluate sociological explanations of the increase in the number of divorces since the 1960s.
13. Applying material from Item B and from your knowledge, evaluate the view that 'the extended family remains as important now as it was in the past.'
14. Applying material from Item B and from your knowledge, evaluate the effect upon couples' relationships of women's involvement in paid work.
15. Applying material from Item B and from your knowledge, evaluate the view that, despite recent changes in family life, 'the conventional nuclear family remains the norm' for families and households in Britain today.
16. Applying material from Item B and from your knowledge, evaluate the view that changes in the law are the main cause of increases in the divorce rate
17. Applying material from Item B and from your knowledge, evaluate the view that it no longer makes sense to talk about the 'patriarchal' family
18. Applying material from Item B and from your knowledge, evaluate the view that the positions of men and women in the family have changed in recent years.
19. Applying material from Item B and from your knowledge, evaluate the usefulness of functionalism for an understanding of the family
20. Applying material from Item B and from your knowledge, evaluate the view that 'the division of labour within couples has become more or less equal'