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INTRODUCTION TO SOCIOLOGY

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1. family can be defined as a group consisting of two parents and their children living together as a unit.

Family is defined as a specific group of people that may be made up of partners, parents,children, aunts,uncles,cousins and grandparents.it can also be defined as the group of people who share common ancestors.an example of family is all the descendants of a specific person. To some the true meaning of family means a group of people related by blood or ancestry. To others it has nothing to do with genes and everything to do with love,compassion,and support.

Another definition is what consists of two or more people related by birth,marriage or adoption residing in the same house unit. Furthermore a family can also be seen as a group of people who want as well as choose to be together embraced by a bond so powerful and strong that not even the slightest test of trials or troubles can breach ‘so family means no one gets left behind’.

A family is from the Latin word ‘Familia’ is a group consisting of parents and children living together in a household.the popular made up full form of the word family is;-Father and Mother I Love You.

Family is a unique social institution for which there is no substitute. It is the most permanent and most persuasive of all social institutions . the word ‘family’ comes from a latin word ‘famulus’ which means the servant.

Maclver defined family as ‘a group defined by sex relationship sufficiently precise, and enduring to provide for the procreation and upbringing of children’.

Elliot says’ family is the biological unit composed of husband,wife and children’.

Nimkoff says ‘family is more or less a durable association of husband and wife with or without child,or of a man or woman alone,with children.

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Reproduction or Procreation; it is an essential function which holds a major role and needed to be done. Since the inception of family this contributes to the continuity of family and ultimately icreases the growth of human race.

Protection of the Children; at birth the child is completely helpless and and cannot survive at all and hereby relies solely on the parents. It is thus the responsibility of the parents to take suitable and thorough care of the children protecting them from dangers,providing care,security and protection.

Educational function; Mazzin’ says ‘the first lesson of a child Is Learnt between a mothers kiss and fathers care. The family provides for a child’s formal learning. The parents are expected to fulfil this obligation to their off springs by providing the best education they can offer in order to reduce illiteracy in the society.

Religious Function; the family is a centre for the religious training of the children.the family is used to teach the children the religious values and morals. It is through the family religious inheritance is passed on to the next generation and makes the young offsprings to become better people and morally suited.

3.In the African traditional marriage polygamy is the main point where African marriages frequented. The men guarded the home and the cattle or went to war.

There was different family systems everyone is part of some sort of descent system,in patrilineal ,matrilineal or both. In patrilineal systems, property and political power pass through the male side of the family ; the female side determines descent in matrilineal systems.here younger people are expected to show respect to the elder members. African marraige can be polygynous- that is a man may have more than one wife.in practice only the senior or wealthy individuals in a society have been able to have multiple wives.

In the polygynous african family your father’s wives and brother’s were not just mothers and fathers like the mere kinship terms. They carried with them heavy obligations demanded of a father or mother, daughter or son.there was never a difference between the biological and non biological kin.it is said that polygamy was practiced because of the idea that the larger the family or clan,the more the workers there are to work on the family farm. The tribe is biggerin terms of size compared to other clans but the latter has greater influence on the family.things like profession derived names,tribal marks,distinguishing personal names and dtermining the child’s legitimacy as a clan member.

1. My name is Oyibo Okiemute born from Mr and Mrs Oyibo Enor.am the fourth out of 5 children and a half twin,after the demise of my other. We are 5 girls and 1 boy whom happens to be the last and mummy’s boy. He is doted on a lot. The first born and second born are married leaving the third born whom is courting someone,leaving I and the last born. My mom had the first at age 15 making her a very young great grand mother.my brother is in the secondary school while I am in the university.we are all short in the family inheriting it from my mother along with dark skin while my dad is fair and tall . am the only one whom looks like my father’s brothers whom are 15 in number anyone I stand with,if care is not taken can be mistaken for their daughter. The last born looks like my mum. The others are not really that much of our mum or dad’s looks. If one person hates something the rest follows suit not really caring about the details which makes you love them.we are all jovial in the family.

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