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1. A family is generally known as a group of people who are united by blood, adoption or ties of marriage therefore consisting of husband (man or men), Wife (woman or women), child or children, brother or sister, aunty and uncle and so on, in their respective roles. A family usually consisting of father, mother and child or children is often referred to as nuclear while families that are extended in adding aunties, uncles, nieces, grandmother and so on are often referred to as extended family.
2. **Functions of the family**

The family plays very important roles, they are;

1. ***Reproduction:*** however when an individual dies they are to be replaced by another in order to ensure that there is a society. This brings about reproduction where the society thrives (keeps running) because without individual there will be no one to rule. Therefore it is the responsibility of the parents (family) to give birth. The society has rules and regulations guiding child bearing in order to ensure that the population id not overcrowded and becomes difficult to handle. This reproduction can also occur when a man and woman is married and of age to give birth to kids talk more of taking care of them.
2. ***The socialization of the children***: the family is responsible in ensuring that the children are aware and learns the ways of life of the society and their surroundings to enhance the effective functioning of the individual in groups and societal matters. This makes the family a primary agent of socialization as a individual is brought into the world and his or her first stage of learning is from the family. As the proverb says ‘*charity begins from home*.’ Meaning the foundation of an individual therefore lies in the hands of the family, where the individual learns values which help genuinely in their build up.
3. ***Emotional and economic support***: it is the duty of the family to support themselves emotionally therefore building the psychological state of members of the family who tend to be suffering or facing certain emotional problems. The family are there to provide love and care for their love ones therefore supporting them emotionally. Families tend to be also the basic economic unit in the society as labour is shared to the different genders in order to earn money into the family and support the members of the family financially therefore providing for a good conditional environment , needs and wants and so on.
4. **Religious support or encouragement**: after being thought the ways and lives of the people, it is duty of the parents to single-handedly ensured that major areas would be made aware to the individual. Building up one’s spiritual life is regarded as a very important aspect in one’s life. There are many kinds of religion an individual could belong to which is mostly influenced by the religious background of the parent. The life of1 the individual is therefore shaped and built up properly as he or she would go according to the doctrines which help especially in values.
5. ***African Traditional family***

Family in the African society seems to contribute a lot to individuals as they believe in the growth and the elevation of the African society where individuals of the same community get married to themselves therefore causing the population to increase and teaching the new born the customs and tradition in order to ensure that these customs moves from generation to generation. It is acknowledged that families in an African society are building blocks. Families were created using the practice of monogamy where one man was married to one and vice versa. Many African families neglected the practice of monogamy and went into the practice of polygamy where a man is allowed to marry more than one wife and this was very common among the Africans as they extended their family and was therefore consider legal in the society. There were many other marriage practices among their Africans like polyandry which is a woman having more than one husbands and this practice was common among the Irigwe at plateau state, Nigeria. Or even marriages where parents give their children their preferred partner at birth so that when they grow old enough for marriage they will get married to their partner, this was found common among the Oron people of Akwa Ibom state, Nigeria. There are other practices that are common among the Africans and their customs and tradition tend to accept these traditions as they believe their heritage and growth of the community is considered as efficient and successful.

1. My nuclear family is made up of my Father, Mother, my 3(three) siblings and I making it four children. We practise a monogamous marriage system where my father is married to only one wife and is restricted from marrying another. We are also a Christian family of six (6). Our parents take good care of us by providing all our needs and most of our wants. Sending us to school and clothing us properly, giving us the privileges many children like us who do not have these privileges would love to have. Our parents support us emotionally, financially, spiritually and more ways one could think a parent is expected to do.
2. ***My family tree***

Grandmother Grandfather

Uncle Aunty Uncle Father Uncle Uncle

Cousin

Father and Mother (parents) Cousin

Cousin cousin

Cousin Cousin Me Brother Brother Sister

(Daughter)