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**FAMILY**

What is family?

The word family is gotten from the Latin word *‘familia’.* A family is a group of people related either by consanguinity or affinity. It is a fundamental social group in society typically consisting of one or two parents and their children.

Functions of the Family

1. Procreation and rearing of children꞉ without a child then the family is incomplete. The husband and wife come together to bear children and nurture them according to the norms of the society.
2. Provision of home for the members꞉ the family provides a home for the other members.
3. For Socialization꞉ when a child is born the family is the first agent of socialization. As they say charity begins at home and so the family grooms up a child with societal values they helps them to be able to face the world.
4. For economic functions
5. For religious functions꞉ the family lets the child to know about their religion and helps them to yield on their faith and follow the scripture and worship God with all their heart.
6. For health related functions꞉ the husband and wife always tries to make sure that their children are always in good health by taking them for daily check-ups.
7. For cultural purposes or functions꞉ the husband and wife teaches their children to uphold their cultural heritage so that they can know their roots and embrace their culture boldly and willingly.

What is the African traditional family?

The traditional African family is so broad that it cannot be explained just at once. The patterns are used in describing the patrilineal and matrilineal families. Some of the major issues raised will include polygamy, clan, the extended family, bride price and the raising children. Polygamy and Monogamy will be used as both case studies. In monogamy, the individual marries one partner. Although if due to some circumstances (e.g. death, divorce) the marriage comes to an end then the individual can conduct another marriage. However, in polygamy, it is the marriage of an individual to more than one partner. A situation whereby a man marries two or more wives is called Polygyny.

**MY NUCLEAR FAMILY**

Firstly, what is a nuclear family? A nuclear family is a social unit that consists of the father, mother and their children. My nuclear family consists of my father, my mother and me and my siblings.

**MY FAMILY TREE**

**FATHER**

**MOTHER**

**5th child**

**4th child**

**3rd child**

**2nd child**

**1st child**