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Question 1

What is family: **Family** is defined as a specific group of people that may be made up of partners, children, parents, aunts, uncles, cousins and grandparents. ... The **definition of family** is the group of people who share common ancestors. An example of **family** is all the descendants of a specific person.

Question 2

Discuss function of the family:

(1) Stable Satisfaction of Sex need:This is the Primary and essential function of family. Sex instinct is the natural urge of human being. The satisfaction of this need requires that both male and female should live together as life partners. It is the family where the husband and wife can satisfy their sex instincts easily and comfortably. Without family the satisfaction of sex need is almost socially quite impossible. A family not only satisfies but also provides the appropriate mechanism through marriage to regulate sexual behavior of husband and wife.

(2) Reproduction or procreation:Reproduction or procreation is another essential function of family. The family along with regulating the sexual behaviour in relation to the satisfaction of sexual needs secures a legitimate basis for procreation. Since the inception of family, it has been performing this fundamental function. This function of family contributes to the continuity of family and ultimately perpetuates the human race as a whole.

(3) Protection and care of the young: Protection and care of the children is another essential function of family. It is regarded as an institution par excellence for the production and rearing of children. It is true that no other institution can take required care of the child like family. The child at birth is complete helpless and cannot survive at all without the help of the family. It is the family which provides care, protection, security (Physical, mental) and fulfils all other needs to make him fit in the society.

(4) Socializing Functions:

Family is one of the primary agents of socialization. Family members teach the child the norms, value morals, beliefs and ideals of society. In the family the children first learn what is good and bad, what is right and wrong. They develop specific habits, traits of character, attitudes and values. The senior members of the family pass the family culture to the new generation thought socialization process. Thus, family acts an instrument of culture transmission.

(5) Provision of a home:

Family makes a provision of a home or a common habitation for its members. Here both husband and if live together for procreation, protection and care of the children. It is a place of multifarious activities. All the members of the family depend on home for comfort, protection and peace. It is that institution which provides the mental or the emotional satisfaction. Members of the family exchange their love, sympathy and affection among themselves.

Question 3

Discuss African traditional family: **Family**. **Family** plays a central role in **African** society. It shapes such daily experiences as how and where individuals live, how they interact with the people around them, and even, in some cases, whom they marry. It can determine a person's political identity and the way money and property are transferred.

Question 4

Discuss your nuclear family: My nuclear family is made up of 6 people my dad: Barr Ray Emeto, my mom: Barr (DCR) Uju Emeto and four children Susan, grace, Elvis(me) and my kid brother Daniel.

Question 5

Draw your family tree:

Daddy mummy

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Susan grace Elvis Daniel

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