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1. Family is a specific group of people that may be made up of parents, children, aunts, uncles, cousins and grandparents. It may also be defined as a universal institution whose important functions are to socialize and nurture the younger generation. This is the first agent of socialization. It is a social group whose members are related either through blood, common ancestry or marriage and are bound by moral and economic rights and duties.
2. There are so many functions of family. Some of which are:
3. Procreation:

The family through the regulation of sexual relationship function fulfills the biological need of reproduction and perpetuation of both immediate family and society as a whole.

1. Affection and companionship:

The family is expected to provide affection and companionship for its members. Children are given warm affection within the family to develop positive self-image (self-esteem) and adults in the family needs intimate companionship to cope with life. This brings a sense of belonging among family members.

1. 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. The family teach their children what is good. They pass the family culture to the new generation through socialization process.

1. Provision of basic needs or essential needs

Parents provide essential things for their family like education, food, clothing and shelter. The family provides this so that they would be comfortable. This responsibility lies in the hands of the family hence the family ensures providing for the welfare needs of the children thereby ensuring the survival of the next generation of society.

1. Protection and care of younger ones:

Family members are to protect their members especially children from danger or harm. It is regarded as an institution par excellence for the production and rearing of children. The child at birth is completely helpless and cannot survive at all without the help of the family. The family provides care, protection, security (physical and mental) and fulfill all other needs to make them fit in the society.

1. Family plays a crucial role in Africa. Traditional African family are slowly but progressively being altered as a result of modernization but some values are still in places. However there are two important things in the African traditional society which are marriage and family size. In the traditional society, polygamous marriages were a preferred form of marriage. A man can marry more than one wife like three or four. Such marriages contributed to the extension of relationships of the family by incorporating more people. Marriages are also being arranged whereby parents indulged in the selection of marriage partners for their children especially girls. It was also done without the consent of their children. Family size is the number of children wives can produce. Wider family includes unborn children. The unborn children were an important element in a family because they were assuring the survival of the family or lineage. The members of the extended family could live together in a traditional compound consisting of several houses, live close to one another or separated by some distance. African traditional family still maintains a strong bond through traditional practices such as upbringing of children and maintaining strong family values. Traditionally, African family practices polygamy because of the idea that the larger the family or clan, the more workers there are to work on the family farms. Hence, more wealth can be possessed by the family. However, nowadays the practice depended on the religion of the person. Muslims in Africa will take up to three or four wives while the Christians only practice monogamy.
2. The name of my family is Wariowei meaning “The head of family”. I am from Bayelsa state Korama, Yenogoa local government. The name of my parents are Dr. D.S. Wariowei and Mrs. V.N. Wariowei. My dad works in NITDA (National information technology development agency) Abuja while my mum works in Ministry of Education Asaba. We live in Abuja and sometimes asaba. We are three children in the family (two girls and a boy). I am the first girl in the family. I and my brother are in university while my younger sister is in secondary school. We all (I and my siblings) went to Regina Mundi private school for our primary, Command for our secondary. My brother is outside the country studying surgeon, am in ABUAD university 100 level while my sister is still in command. My dad and brother comes to visit us during the holidays. My parents have time for us. Once we wake up, we pray together as a family, do house chores, bath, eat and read. I join my mum to cook. I am free with my mum than my dad. We have time or duration we do our things. We also have three principles which are love, truth and cooperation. My parents love us and they show it in their actions. With these principles, I am able to show my loyalty to God, my parents, lecturers and society at large.s
3. My dad is the only child.

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Malasha

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