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## **ANSWER**

### **WHAT IS A FAMILY?**

A Family is defined as a specific group of people that maybe made of partners, children, parents, aunt's, uncle's, cousin's and grandparents. They are also a group of people who share common ancestors. All the people living in the same house; household.

- A social unit consisting of parents and the children they rear.
- The Children of the same parents.
- One's spouse and children.
- A group of people related by ancestry or marriage, relatives .
- All those claiming descent from from a common ancestors tribe or clan, lineage.

### **WHAT IS THE FUNCTION OF THE FAMILY**

The basic function of the family are to:

- Regulate sexual access and activity provide an orderly context for procreation; and socialize children, ensure economic stability and ascribe social status
- Family further impart affection care and adaptive functions
- Family performs tasks.
- Family is the backbone of a society to care for it's members.a
- Biological.
- Socialization.
- Regulation of sexual activities.
- Social placement.
- Emotions/ psychological security.
- Economic/ material security.
- Education.

### **DISCUSS THE AFRICAN TRADITIONAL FAMILY**

The subject of **Traditional family** patterns in Africa is so broad that it cannot be adequately addressed in one chapter. The cultural and physical diversity added with the dramatic social changes of the last three decades on the continent makes the family pattern situation so variegated as to defy any sweeping generalizations. The difficulty in generalization none of diversity was already apparent to many early scholars of the African traditional family like **Mair (1)** and **Goode(2)** . As the African society has not been static, changed in the traditional family patterns will be briefly alluded to.

The classifying of humans into separate countries, tribes, races, religions, different cultures, Island s, languages, regions, are superficial because we are human beings who originally migrated from Africa thousands of years ago. The hunger of culture as technology devastates or weakens our ability to truly enjoy and create meaning and human connections in our lives.

- **Perversity Of Polygamy**

Scholars of the African traditional family agree that one widely known aspect that distinguishes the African traditional family, say from the European one is the perversity of polygamy. Although polygamy is the act and individual being married to more than one spouse at the same time, the more commonly practiced in Africa is polygyny. The legal marriage of one man to two or more women concurrently is permitted.

### **DISCUSS A NUCLEAR FAMILY**

A Nuclear family, elementary family or conjugal family is a family group consisting of two parents and their children (one or more). It is in contrast to a single-parent family, the larger extended family, and a family with more than two parents. Nuclear families typically center on a married couple; the nuclear family may have any number of children. There are differences in definition among observers; some definitions allow only biological children that are full-blood siblings, but others allow for a stepparent and any mix of dependent children including stepchildren and adopted children. Some sociologists and anthropologist consider the nuclear family as the most basic form of social organization.

Nuclear family plays a big role in the personality development of individual. Children's are more close to their family and more free to them . In nuclear family we can provide the best upbringing and we can focus more on their studies And focus on ourselves.

#### **Some importance of nuclear family are:**

- Development of personality
- Better condition of women
- Less number of children
- Peace and harmony
- Individual responsibilities

- Problem free unit

