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1.According to the dictionary meaning family is a group of people related by blood, marriage or adoption. The family has been seen as a universal social institution. Family has been defined by Murdock(1949) : The family is a social group characterized by common residence, economic co-operation and reproduction. It includes adults of both sexes, at least two of whom maintain a social approved sexual relationship and one or more children, own or adopted, of a sexual cohabiting adults. This family works together, gets resources and reproduce .

2.Functions of the family

* The family reproduce offspring.
* They train the children to respect their elders.
* They install values in them.
* They educate them .
* They provide shelter and basic needs for them.
* They give them sexual orientation.

3.African traditional family is so broad. the African society has not been static, changes in the traditional family patterns. Polygamy exist in the African traditional family. Polygamy is the act of an individual being married to more than one spouse at the same time . The one commonly practiced in Africa when a man marry two or more wives concurrently. Polygyny was widely practiced in Africa and it often formed the backbone. In the late and early 19th century, a detailed study conducted among the Baganda found that. ‘ polygyny is widely accepted . patrilineal ,matrilineal and polygyny are the major distinguishing variations of the African traditional family.

Social change in Africa is ubiquitous . They end in inter-tribal warfare with the coming of European colonialism, they were victims of the European colonialization. They adapted to their christian values. It didn’t accept polygamy but monogamy marriage also values legitimated by Christianity.

4.My nuclear family consist of three people, my mum ,my brother and myself. We stay in a duplex house . my mum is a public servant and also a lawyer. My brother is 6 years old in year 1 and I am 17 years in 100 level studying Law in Afe Babalola University. My mum is the head of the family taking care of us in paying our fees, food ,shelter and other basic needs. I am the first and eldest daughter I take care of the home and my brother. My brother assists and play like other children. We are from the Ijaw tribe particularly from Rivers but we don’t reside there we live in Lagos. We love helping people and spending time together we go on adventures, we travel out on vacations for fun and relaxation. My nuclear family is built on love ,happiness, peace and mostly faith. We all love each other.