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**MY NUCLEAR FAMILY TREEttyu**

What is a Nuclear Family?

 This is a basic social unit that consists of a couple and their dependent children.

What is a Family?

 A group consisting of two parents and their children living together as a unit.

 I t can also be all the descendants of a common ancestor.

**Functions Of A Family**

1. Stable Satisfaction of sexual needs:

 Family has been performing this function since the incrptions of human civilization. It is a well known fact that sexual urge is the most powerful and important instinct and natural urge. It is the primary duty of family to satisfy the sexual urge of its membera in a stable and desirable way.

1. Procreation and rearing of children

 Necessary arrangement of stable satisfaction of sexual urge resulted in procreation. Family provides legitimate basis for the production of children. It institutionalizes the process of procreation. This function contributes to the continuity of family and ultimately human race. It provides food, shelter, affection, protection and security to all its members

1. Provision of home:.

 It is only in a home that children are born and brought up. Even if children are born in hospitals in modern time still they are taken care of and properly nourished in a home only. In a home all the members of family live together and a child is brought up under the strict vigilance of all its members. A home provides emotional GGUand psychological support to all its members.

1. Socialization:

 It is said man is not born human but made human. New born human baby became human being after they are socialized. A human baby learns norms, values, morals and ideals of society. He learns culture and acquires character through the process of socialization. He learns what is right and wrong and what is good or bad.

THE AFRICAN TRADITIONAL 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 casrs, whom they marry. It can determine a person’s political identity and the way money and property are transferred. In rural areas, the family typically remains the basic unit of agricultural production. However, no single type of family exists in Africa. Societies have defined family in many different ways and many bear little resemblance to the western idea of the Nuclear family.

 Furthermore, throughout the continent, traditional family patterns are changing. Colonialism. Capitalism, the growth of cities, exposure to western culture and increasing opportunities for women are some of the factors that are affecting the shape of family life.