SOCIOLOGY HOMEWORK

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**Question**

1 What is family

2 Discuss the functions of the Family

3 Discuss the African Traditional family

4 Discuss your Nuclear family

5 Draw your family tree

* The dictionary defines a family in so mays but my definition of a Family is a group of people who are related to each other, especially Parents and their Children. It can also be defined as a basic unit consisting of parents and their children, considered as a group whether dwelling together or not. Family may seem like a simple concept but there is no simple definition of a family but in its basic term a family is a group of individuals who share a legal or genetic bond, but for many people family means much more and even the simple idea of genetic bonds can be more complicated than it seems.

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* Satisfaction of sexual needs : In all societies, primitive or modern, simple or complex, human sex urge requires established and socially recognised channels of satisfaction. Family enables adults of both sex to maintain a socially approved sexual relationship.
* Reproduction of Children : Satisfaction of sex needs leads to reproduction of children. To have children is considered both a religious as well as social need in Hindu society. Children perpetuate race which is desire of every individual.
* Socialization of members : Socialization of human personality is another important function of family . The child’s first human relationship are with the members of the family
* Economic funtions : It is the responsibility of the family to see that there is proper division of work . None of the members is over burdened with the work. It is through the family that economic needs of the people are met, it looks after family property.

Religious functions : Family is also required to perform many religious functions. What is the religion of a family and what are the methods taught in the family

3. Family is very important throughout Africa. Families not individuals are the building blocks of Africa society. Most people live in households that include not only nuclear family but also members of their external family. However some or most African families organize their selves through their households, several generations and several nuclear families, live and work together. In joint family households , all members live together in a simple large compound . in extended family households , the nuclear family within the household each live in separate compounds.

African family still maintains its strong bond through traditional practices such as the upbringing of children and maintaining strong family values. Traditionally, African family practices polygamy because of the idea that the larger the family 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 3 to 4 wives , the number permitted in the religion while the Christians only practice mono gamy .

4. A nuclear family is with a couple and their dependent children regarding as a basic social unit. In my own family, my Dad is a business man that is how he provides the basic needs for us while my mum is a business woman too and I am a student schooling in Afe Babalola University currently in 100 level.

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