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THE FAMILY

 The most basic institution in any society is the social context into which members of the society derive their primary identity. This basic institution is known as the family. A family is a group of people or a social group whose members are bound by common ancestry, moral or economic rights and duties.

FUNCTIONS OF THE FAMILY

* It is the responsibility of the family to nurture every child born into it by feeding, clothing, educating and caring for them, ensuring the survival of the next generation society.
* It is the responsibility of the family to regulate sexual relationships and prevent incestuous relationships. The family also screens and approves sexual spouses or partners for members.
* The family through the regulation of sexual relationships fulfils the biological need of reproduction and perpetuation of both the immediate family and society as a whole.
* An individual acquires his or her identity and place in society through the family. The family ascribes many statuses to members such as race, religion, nationality, ethnicity, royalty, etc.
* The family is expected to provide affection and companionship for its members. Children are given warm affection in the family to develop a positive self-image, and adults need intimate companionship to cope with life.

THE AFRICAN TRADITIONAL FAMIY

The typical African traditional family could be an extended family, with persons related by descent, marriage or adoption, such as a husband and a wife with their children, and at least one of their sets of parents, aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and cousins all living together; or an overlapping set of nuclear families, each with the same man as the family head, his wives, and concubines who live in different homesteads with their children. The wives are the heads of their own respective households while the man runs all households.

MY NUCLEAR FAMILY

 The nuclear family refers to a couple along with any dependent, unmarried children who share a residence and form a social unit. In other words, it is made up of a husband, wife and dependent children living together in a single dwelling. The nuclear family is the smallest unit of society and also called the elementary family. My nuclear family is made up of my father (the husband), my mother (the wife), my younger sister and I (the children).

MY FAMILY TREE

MY SISTER

ME

MUM

 *DAD*