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**ASSIGNMENT**

**Meaning of family, the functions, the African traditional family, My Nuclear family and family tree.**

The term family is used to refer to that portion of human experience which results from the behaviour of men and women in connection with reproduction and care of off-spring. Both these activities, related to reproduction and care of the offspring, have the biological purpose of the survival of the species.

**Functions of the family**

1). Regulations of sexual activities: All societies have regulations around this subject limiting who can get married to who.

2). Reproduction: A family is the socially accepted unit for bearing and raising children.

3). Socialization of children: This places responsibility on the family to teach children the norms of the society including things such as values, customs and what is accepted and polite behaviour.

4). Economic and Emotional security: family are the basic economic unit, and also guild children's psychological development.

**The Traditional African society.**

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 cases, 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.

Each of the many family systems in Africa can be defined in terms of two broad kinds of relationships. Relationships of descent are genealogical—that is, based on the connections between generations. Relationships of affinity are marital—based on marriage. The interweaving of these relationships creates the family that an individual sees every day, as well as the wider network of kinship that surrounds each person.

**My Nuclear family**

A nuclear family, elementary family or conjugal family is a family group consisting of two parents and their children. It is in contrast to a single parent family the larger extended family and a family with more than two parents. Nuclear families typically centres on a married couple. The nuclear family may have any amount of children.

My nuclear family is made up of two parents mom and dad and four children, two boys and two girls. Some sociologists and anthropologists considers the nuclear family as the most basic form of social organisation.

Family Tree

My Family tree

Father mother

Jessica (first daughter) justine(first son)

stephanie(second daughter).