

## Paper 1 Revision: Families

Key terms for this section of the paper	<i>Think: which key terms am I not confident with? What evidence can I add?</i>
<b>Blended/ reconstituted family</b>	
<b>Cohabitation</b>	
<b>Conjugal Roles</b>	
<b>Divorce</b>	
<b>Extended families (modified/ horizontal/ vertical/ beanpole)</b>	
<b>Lone-parent families</b>	
<b>Nuclear Families</b>	
<b>Patriarchy</b>	
<b>Polygamy</b>	
<b>Same-sex families</b>	
<b>Sandwich generation</b>	
<b>Secularisation</b>	
<b>Stigma</b>	
<b>Symmetrical families</b>	
<b>Key people: Dermott</b>	
<b><u>Murray</u></b>	
<b><u>Murdock</u></b>	
<b><u>Parsons</u></b>	
<b><u>Willmott and Young</u></b>	
<b><u>Sue Sharpe</u></b>	
<b><u>Ann Oakley</u></b>	
<b><u>Rapoports</u></b>	
<b><u>Marsden</u></b>	

### Key questions to practise from this section of the exam

- Describe what is meant by a symmetrical family. (2)
- Explain why Functionalists argue that nuclear families are important. (4)
- Explain the increase in lone-parent families in the contemporary UK. (8)
- 'Changes in the law are mainly responsible for changes in the divorce rate since the 1970s.' Do you agree with this view? (15)
- Describe what is meant by cohabitation (2)
- Explain why feminists criticise the nuclear family. (4)
- Explain the increase in family diversity in the contemporary UK. (8)
- 'Gender roles are now more equal in families in the contemporary UK.' Do you agree with this view? (15)
- Describe what is meant by an *extended family*. (2)
- Explain why it is argued Britain is a child-centred society. (4)
- Explain why women in modern Britain are having fewer children than in the past. (8)
- Some sociologists suggest that nuclear families, with two parents of opposite sexes, are good for society. Do you agree with this view? (15)
- THEORIES
- Functionalism
- Marxism
- Feminism
- New Right

### Key questions you need to know:

- What is family? What is a household? Why is divorce on the increase? Do we need families? Is the family in decline? What role do children have in the family? Is there a new man? Have roles in the family become more equal? Why are women having less children?**

Tasks: Complete the key terms, with evidence. Practise the questions in your pink assessment books. Come up with your own questions based on the key terms and styles of questions. Attempt these questions and discuss your answers with the person sitting next to you. Make a mind map/ key term cards.