

Sample Marking Scheme & Outline Solutions to Accompany an Examination Paper

Social Studies 5N1370

Structured Question 1 (10 % = 20 marks)

a) Identify four key roles and functions of the family in society

4 marks

b) Describe three changes that have taken place in the family as a social unit within an Irish context in the previous 20 years

6 marks

c) Analyse the implications of marital breakdown on the roles and functions of the family as a social unit

10 marks

Q	Part	Skill	Total Mark	Breakdown of Mark	Outline Solutions
1	a	Recall	4	Identification of 4 roles and functions @ 1 mark each 4*1 mark = 4 marks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fulfilling basic human needs • Care/nurture • Protection • Socialisation • Reproduction • Economic • Identity and Social Status • Emotional Security • Productive • Recreational • Educational • Healthcare • Etc, etc
1	b	Understanding	6	Explanation of 3 changes @ 2 marks each 3*2 marks = 6 marks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • social and cultural changes – nuclear family, single parent families, mixed generation, separated families, same-sex parent families same-sex marriage, mixed-race families adoption, fostering, , etc. • Impact of government policy – does it support the broadening concept of family, etc. • demographic trends - fall in birth rate, smaller families, etc. • economic developments – need for both parents to work, unemployment, parents having to make economic decisions in relation to the family size they can afford, etc. • technological innovation – keeping in contact, additional demands, etc • changing employment patterns - roles within families, provider role, care role, time poverty due

					<p>to both parents working, role reversal where fathers are increasingly fulfilling the caretaking role, etc</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • migration – impact on the family on being away from community of origin and/or extended family, geographical movement for work/other reasons – lack of familial support of the extended family, establishing links in new communities, assimilation, being part of the community, etc. • Equality - the quest for equality between men and women, widening opportunities for women, having choices available regarding work and childcare, family friendly policies, work-life balance, etc. • Changes in values, belief systems, etc. • Standard of living, participation in education, etc. • Care – child care and care of other and older dependent relatives • Marital distress, supports, access to divorce, mediation, etc. • Well-being of parents – mental illness, physical illness, dependencies, addictions, coping strategies, pressures, etc. • Etc. etc.
1	c	Application	10	<p>Implication of the role of marital breakdown on the roles of the family</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 implications * 1 mark = 3 marks • Use of appropriate language = 1 mark • Evidence of indepth understanding = 1 mark <p>Implications of marital breakdown on the functions of the family</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 implications * 1 mark = 3 marks • Use of appropriate language = 1 mark • Evidence of indepth understanding = 1 mark 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Research on the current rates of marital breakdown • Implications on the primary roles of the family, on children, on the spouses, the extended family and community – Care/protection, education, socialisation, economic, emotional security, etc., etc. • Options available: marriage counselling, family mediation, legal separation, legal nullity, divorce • Implications on the functions of the family, on children, on the spouses, the extended family and community – education, economic, socialisation, etc., etc. • Analysis of the implications on the family – social implications, practical implications, support needs, etc.