5.9 Changing Patterns of Family Life in the UK: 10-minute Pack

AQA 8062 · about 10 minutes

Total Marks

Name: _____ Date: ____ / ____ / _____

Answer ALL questions.

1 Which one of the following best describes a blended family, in the context of changing family patterns in the UK?

- ☐ A household where grandparents live with grandchildren and their parents
- ☐ A family where one or both partners bring children from previous relationships into a new family unit
- ☐ A family where unrelated adults share a house purely for economic reasons
- ☐ A household formed when siblings live together after leaving their parents

(Total for Question 1 is 1 mark)

2 Identify and name the family type in the UK where a single adult, mother or father, is the main carer and brings up a child on their own; give a one sentence identification in that context.

(Total for Question 2 is 1 mark)

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3 Give two types of family found in modern UK society, naming each type briefly and clearly within the topic of changing family patterns.

(Total for Question 3 is 2 marks)

4 Explain the importance of stable family relationships for children in contemporary UK society, using religious and non-religious reasons.

(Total for Question 4 is 6 marks)

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Question 1

one mark for identifying the blended family as a new family unit formed when partners bring children from earlier relationships, oe — **B1**

Answer: A family where one or both partners bring children from previous relationships into a new family unit.

Question 2

one mark for naming 'single-parent family' and identifying it as one parent being the primary carer raising the child alone, oe — **B1**

Answer: Single-parent family: one adult, the mother or father, is the main carer and brings up the child on their own.

Question 3

one valid family type named, oe — **B1**

a second valid family type named, oe — **B1**

Answer: Any two distinct types, for example: same-sex parents; foster family; adoptive family; blended family; single-parent family.

Question 4

Level 3 A well-developed, balanced explanation that uses both religious and non-religious reasons to show why stable family relationships are important, with clear supporting detail and links between points. — **5-6**

Level 2 An explanation that gives some religious or non-religious reasons with appropriate support, though some points may be underdeveloped. — **3-4**

Level 1 One or two basic points are made about the importance of stable relationships, with little development or support. — **1-2**

Level 0 No relevant content. — **0**

Indicative content:

- Religious reasons: many Christians stress the value of stable, loving relationships for moral upbringing and emotional security; references to teachings about family responsibility and care.
- Religious reasons: some Muslims emphasise family as the basic unit of society and the duty to care for children and relatives, giving stability and identity.
- Non-religious reasons: psychological and sociological research links stable relationships with better educational and emotional outcomes for children.
- Non-religious reasons: practical stability, such as consistent routines and parental support, helps development, behaviour and social inclusion.
- Consideration of differing views: some argue that stability is not determined by family structure alone but by the quality of relationships, whether in single-parent, blended or same-sex households.
- A balanced answer may give examples and weigh religious teachings against empirical evidence about child wellbeing.

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