# 3.2 Family Forms and Diversity: 10-minute Pack

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Total Marks

Name: _____ Date: ____ / ____ / _____

**Answer ALL questions. Show your understanding by using sociological vocabulary and, where asked, your own examples.**

**1** Which term describes a couple who live together in a long-term relationship without being married?

- ☐ A) A nuclear family
- ☐ B) A cohabiting couple
- ☐ C) An extended family
- ☐ D) A reconstituted family

**(Total for Question 1 is 1 mark)**

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**2** Explain one reason for the rise in the number of single-person households in the UK.

**(Total for Question 2 is 2 marks)**


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**3** Explain what is meant by a couple who are 'living apart together' (LAT).

**(Total for Question 3 is 2 marks)**

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**4** For each family described below, name the sociological term from this pack that best describes it.

**(a)** A grandmother, her adult daughter and her teenage granddaughter, spanning three living generations in close contact, with few siblings in each generation. **(1)**

**(b)** A couple who have chosen to spend most nights together but each still keep and pay for their own separate home. **(1)**

**(c)** A close-knit group of friends and an ex-partner who provide each other with the support a family might, chosen rather than based on blood ties. **(1)**

**(Total for Question 4 is 3 marks)**


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## Question 1

B (a cohabiting couple) **B1**

**Answer: B**

## Question 2

identifies a genuine reason, e.g. more people living independently before partnering, or more older people living alone after a partner's death, or more people separating **B1**

brief development **B1**

**Answer: More older people now live alone after the death of a partner, and more people live independently before forming a long-term relationship, both contributing to the rise in single-person households.**

## Question 3

identifies that LAT describes a couple in a committed relationship who choose to live in separate homes rather than moving in together (oe) **B1**

development, e.g. this can happen at any stage, for example among some older couples who each keep their own home, or younger couples not yet ready to live together **B1**

**Answer: Living apart together describes a couple in a committed relationship who choose to keep separate homes rather than move in together, for example some older couples who each keep their own home.**

## Question 4

(a) beanpole family **B1**

**(a) Answer: Beanpole family**

(b) living apart together (LAT) **B1**

**(b) Answer: Living apart together (LAT)**

(c) a family of choice **B1**

**(c) Answer: A family of choice**


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