3.6 Criticisms of the Family, Including the Dark Side: 10-minute Pack

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Total Marks

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

1 For each statement below, state whether it best reflects a functionalist view or a 'dark side' view of the family.

(a) The family gives adults emotional support that helps them cope with the stresses of work. **(1)**

(b) The isolated modern family can concentrate stress and strain on its members. **(1)**

(c) Family relationships can involve the exploitation of women's unpaid labour. **(1)**

(Total for Question 1 is 3 marks)

2 Give one reason sociologists give for why domestic abuse can be under-reported.

(Total for Question 2 is 2 marks)

3 Explain two reasons some sociologists are cautious about using the single term 'dark side' to describe all criticism of family life.

(Total for Question 3 is 4 marks)

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Question 1

(a) functionalist **B1**

(a) Answer: Functionalist

(b) dark side **B1**

(b) Answer: Dark side

(c) dark side **B1**

(c) Answer: Dark side

Question 2

a genuine reason, e.g. fear of the abuser, shame, or not being believed **B1**

brief development **B1**

Answer: Domestic abuse can be under-reported because a victim may fear the abuser, feel shame, or worry they will not be believed if they report it.

Question 3

identifies one reason, e.g. not all criticisms of family life involve serious harm; some, such as an unequal division of housework, are about inequality rather than abuse **B1**

development **B1**

identifies a second, different reason, e.g. using one broad term for very different issues, from mild inequality to serious abuse, could make it harder to study or respond to them separately **B1**

development **B1**

Answer: Not all criticism of family life involves serious harm, e.g. unequal housework is about inequality rather than abuse; using one broad term for very different issues could make it harder to study or respond to them separately.

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