

The Family revision guide



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The difference between a family and a household

With a wider range of family forms existing today, sociologists have now grouped them into two types, families and households. Fill in the end of each sentence to show the difference between each.

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close relatives related through blood.
people living in the same house not related through blood.

A household means _____

A family means _____



Family diversity

Today there are many different forms of families and households in British society. Using pages 134-135, complete the following exercise.

Picture of family form	Type of family	Definition of family
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Types of marriage

Using page 135, fill out the table below to show the different forms of marriages.

Picture of marriage type	Name of family type	Definition of family life
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The conventional nuclear family

Complete the wordsearch below by finding four main features of the nuclear family, finally fill in the hidden message to summarise what the nuclear family is.



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A M R I U M D A D A N D D O E P
E N D D R E N T C H I L B D R E
N D G S L R Q V N G I A D T G J
B B F W O I A P R V L C E R N A
R R H R C L H M K F N F H J K N
S G I E C P E C O H S B D R Z X
T Q B H V U N N N M C E V K R V
T M J J U U O P U W P N I V M G
F L G K S I Y M R P O C K X L B
D G E Y S R A H Y X C K W N F G
Z N N I T N P S Z E X K L P T U
T M V U D U U Q T Z G G A A X K
N I Y A A P S E A T A I P F H P
D S D I T F G W Y G N D E Q I Y

The domestic division of labour

Using pages 154-155 in the Blundell textbook fill out the means of the key words associated with the division of labour between husbands and wives.

The division of labour means _____

Segregated conjugal role means _____

Joint conjugal role means _____

Symmetrical family means _____

New man means _____

Now, write a brief paragraph in the bubbles below to show the role of men and women in terms of what they did in the middle of the 19th century and in more recent times (don't forget to include Wilmott and Young and the feminists).

**The middle 19th
century**

Modern day

The 18th

Using pages 148-149 of the Blundell textbook write a short paragraph about what the family was like before the Industrial revolution and after the revolution.

Before the industrial revolution

After the industrial revolution

Perspectives views on the role of the family

Unscramble the puzzle below to work out how the functionalist, Marxists and feminists view the role of the family in our society.

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Domestic violence

Using pages 140-141 in the Blundell textbook complete the following exercise.

Domestic violence takes three forms p_____, s_____ or e_____. Much of the violence is committed by m_____.

Children are seen as w_____ and s_____ than adults and are more at risk of n_____ and i_____.

Recently, there has been a concern with the a_____ of m_____.

F_____ see the violence against women and children as the inevitable outcome of m_____ d_____ families.

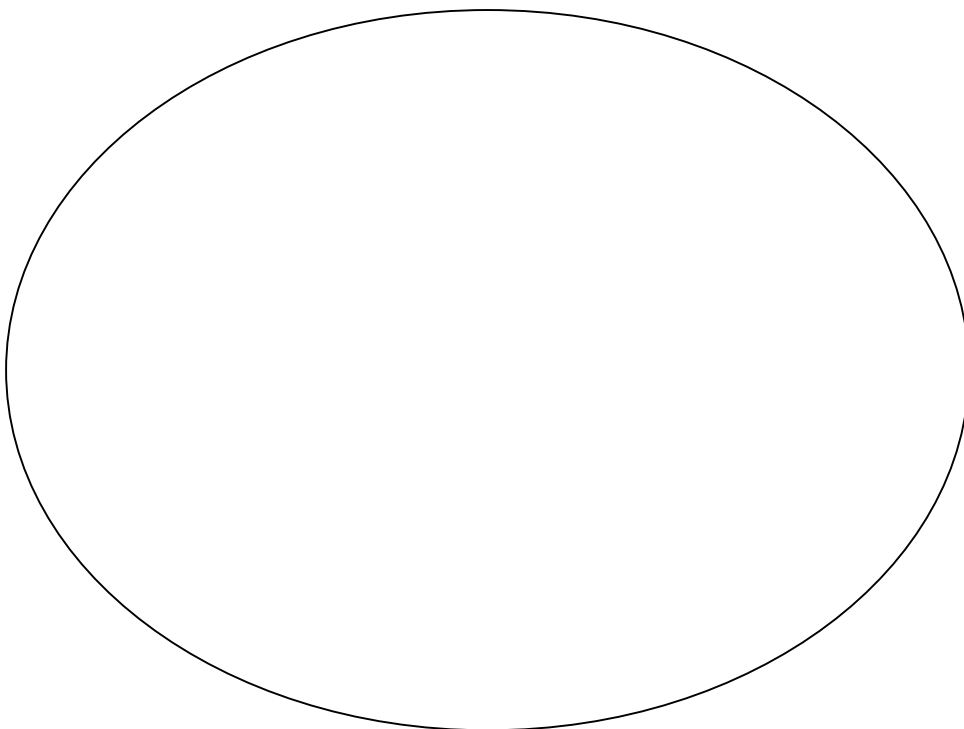
Patterns of divorce

Using pages 144-145 from the Blundell textbooks complete the following activity by writing in four reasons for the increasing divorce rate.

Patterns of marriage

Using pages 142-143 from the Blundell textbooks complete the task below by writing in three reasons why marriage is decreasing.

Cohabitation means living together, but not being married. This is increasingly becoming more popular today. In the box below, write to form cohabitation takes.



Parenting and childhood

Using page 143 in the Blundell textbook write three reasons why couples are having less children today.



During the early Industrial period (1750-1850)

The relationship between parents and their children has changed over time. During the nineteenth century, children's experiences and life chances varied significantly according to their age, gender and social class. Middle class children, for example, were often looked after by paid employees such as a nanny. Working-class children, especially boys, were expected to work in paid employment from an early age.

Children were employed as cotton mill workers, spinners and weavers, both boys and girls worked. Poverty prevented most parents from sending their children to school, many working-class parents seem to have viewed education as a barrier to their child's paid employment.

Modern day parent-child relationships

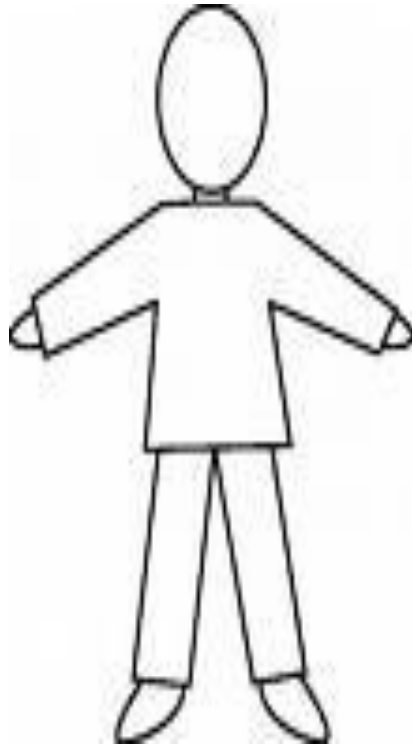
Today, relationships between parents and children are usually closer and warmer than in the past. As children, we are seen as important members of the family household, are listened to and taken more seriously. There is less emphasis on discipline and more freedom and children's rights. The family has become smaller, there is now more attention given to individual children. New Laws have been introduced to protect children, they are not allowed to work till 16 and the school leaving age has increased. Younger people are more financially dependent on parents and it has become increasingly more difficult to gain independence from their families.

Using the task on the following page, write three ways children were treated and viewed during the early industrial period and in modern-day.



Children from the Industrial Period.

Modern day parent-child relationships

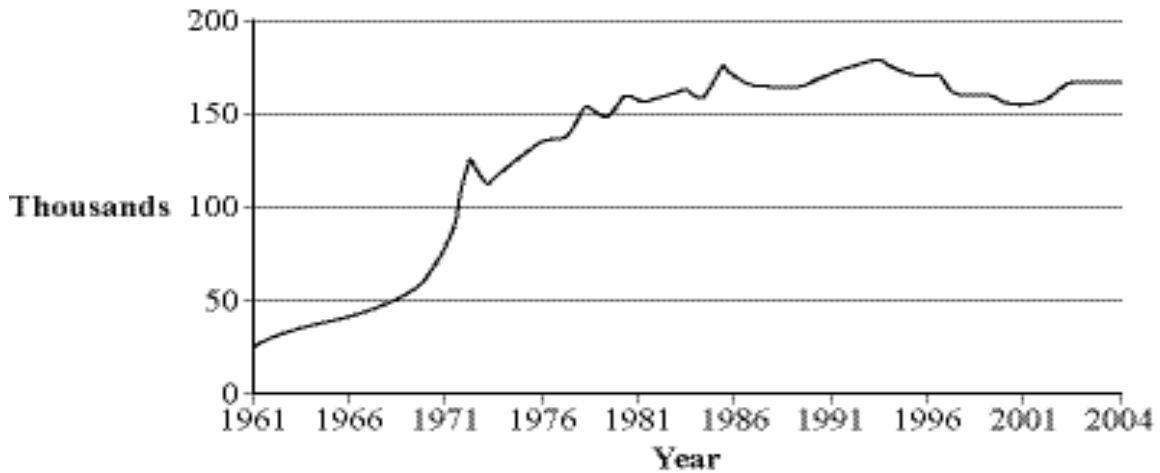


Past papers

2 Study **Item B**, then answer parts (a) to (d) which follow.

Item B

DIVORCES 1961 – 2004

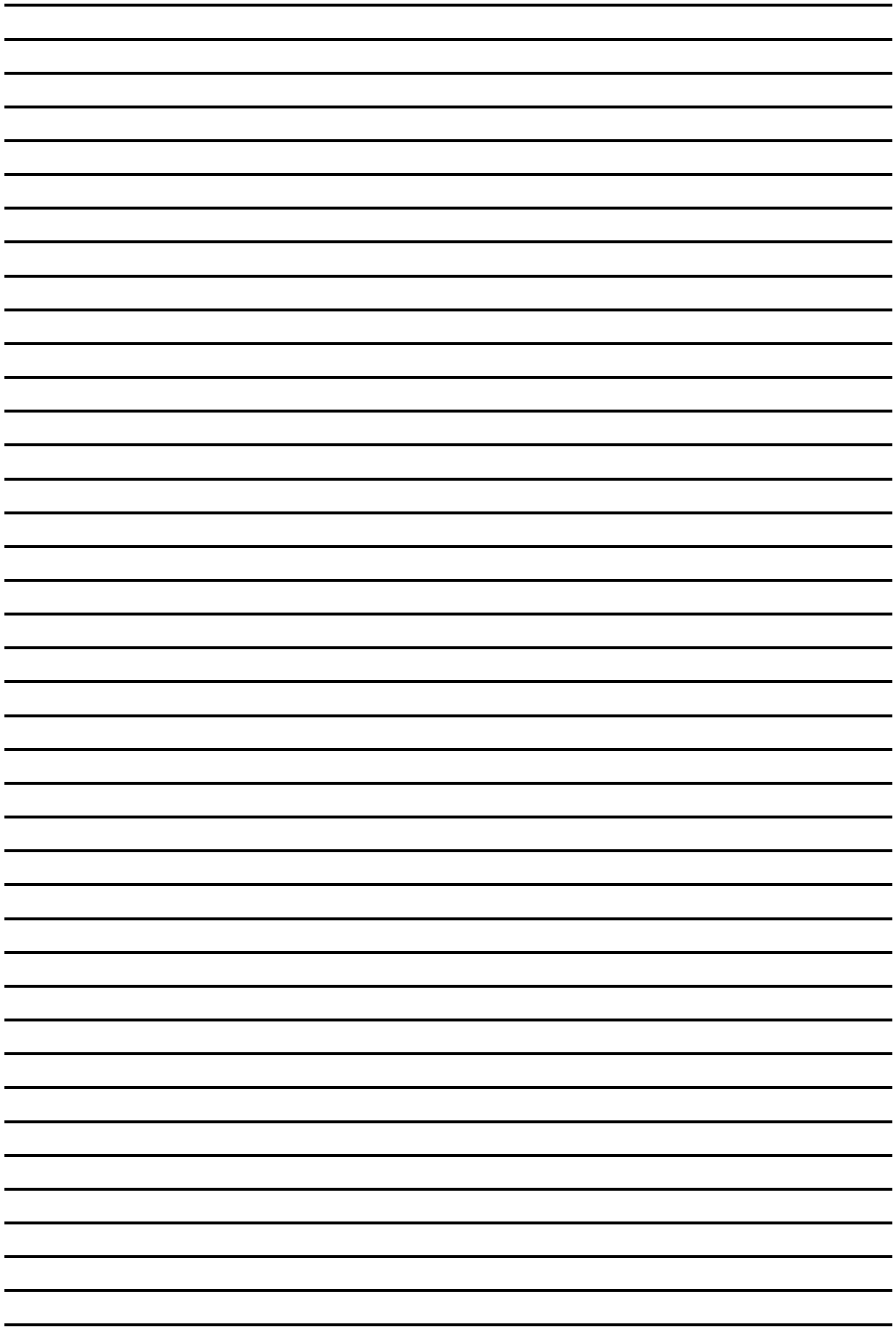


(a) According to the information in **Item B**, was the number of divorces greater in 1976 or in 2004? (1 mark)

(b) Explain briefly **one** possible consequence for family members of living in a reconstituted or step family. (2 marks)

(c) Identify and explain **one** reason why more couples today choose to live together rather than marry. (3 marks)

(d) To what extent would sociologists agree that changes in social attitudes have been responsible for the increase in the divorce rate since the 1960s? (9 marks)



2 Study **Item B**, then answer parts (a) to (d) which follow.

Item B

Type of family	1971	1981	1991	2001
Couple with no children	27	26	28	28
Couple with 1 – 2 dependent children	26	25	20	19
Couple with 3 or more dependent children	9	6	5	4
Lone parent	3	5	6	5

(a) According to the information in **Item B**, what was the trend in the percentage of households made up of couples with 1 – 2 dependent children between 1981 and 2001? (1 mark)

(b) **Item B** shows an increase in the proportion of lone parent households over the period 1971 to 2001. Briefly outline **one** sociological explanation for this increase. (2 marks)

(c) The number of people living on their own has increased over recent years. Identify and explain **one** reason for this change. (3 marks)

