Revision

Families and households exam practice

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Use these exam-style questions to help you revise.

Here are a few examples of the type of question that you might find on an AS paper on Families and households. Whichever specification you are following, these questions will provide an opportunity to test your knowledge and help with revision. A mark allocation is shown — use this to judge how much you should write.

Questions

1. Using one example, briefly explain how the status of children has changed over the last hundred years. (2 marks)

   The question is about the ‘status’ of children, so make sure that you understand what is meant by this. Ensure that your example falls within the time period — don’t talk about children in medieval society. There are only 2 marks, so don’t write too much.

2. Outline three reasons for the fall in the divorce rate over the last 50 years. (6 marks)

   It’s a good idea in questions such as this to put each reason on a separate line. There are only 2 marks available for each reason, so don’t be tempted to go into too much detail.

3. Outline and explain two state policies which have affected family life since the end of the Second World War. (10 marks)

   Remember that the Second World War ended in 1945. It is a good idea to separate your answer into two parts, one for each policy. You should first ‘outline’ what the policy is, in just a few sentences, then ‘explain’ clearly how it may have affected family life. There are many examples from which to choose — the provision of child care, paid maternity and paternity leave, the Equal Pay Act, the introduction of civil partnerships and same-sex marriages, support for lone parents, support for the victims of domestic violence and so on.

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