

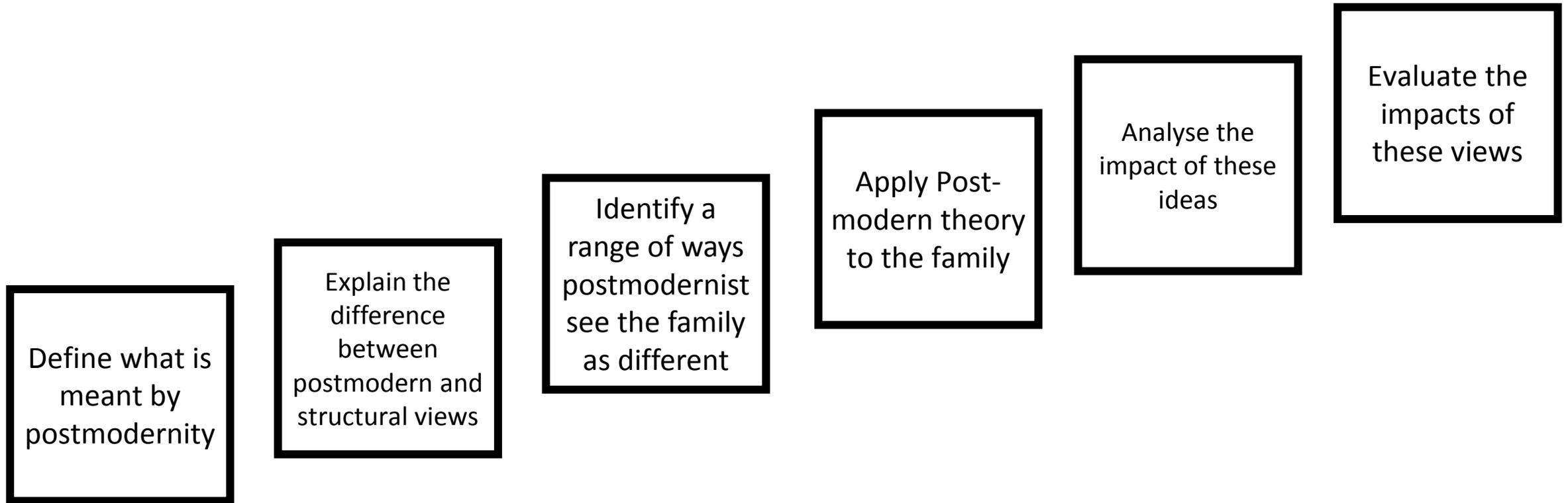
Families and Household

Paper 2 – A level
Sociology

Key Issues

- What is the purpose of the family? What benefits does it provide for society and its members? (Functionalism/Marxism/Feminism/Postmodernism)
- Is the family equal? Are the power relationships between partners equal? Is there a march of progress towards equality?
- Is childhood socially constructed? Does it vary from society to society? Is childhood disappearing?
- What changes have there been to the family structure over the past 50 years? Is there such a thing as a typical family?
- How can governments influence family structures? Why would government prefer the nuclear family over others? Can the government influence gender equality?
- How has globalisation influenced the family? What demographic changes have led to changes in our society? What are the benefits and costs of greater migration and ageing populations?

The Big Question: Evaluate the contribution of Post-Modernism to our understanding of the family



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What is Post-modernity?
Highlight key terms in post-modernity

POST
MODERN

Define what is
meant by
post-
modernity

Post – Modernity is...

Globalization

Hybridity

Diversity

Risk

How does Post-Modernity differ from Structural theories?

Explain the difference between postmodern and structural views

Structural View	Concept	Post Modern View
	Family	
	Education	
	Employment	
	Gender	
	Relationships	

How has post-modernity changed the family?

Identify a range of ways postmodernist see the family as different



What do Post Modernists think about the family?

Apply Post
Modern
theory to the
family

Family Diversity	Confluent Love
Gender fluidity	Changing role of parents
Connections with family	Definitions of family

Give evidence to support each groups views?

Analyse the impact of these ideas

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What might others suggest? What do they not explain?

Evaluate the impacts of these views



Has the structure of the family really changed?



What might other theories suggest about the family?



What might statistics show about post-modern ideas?