

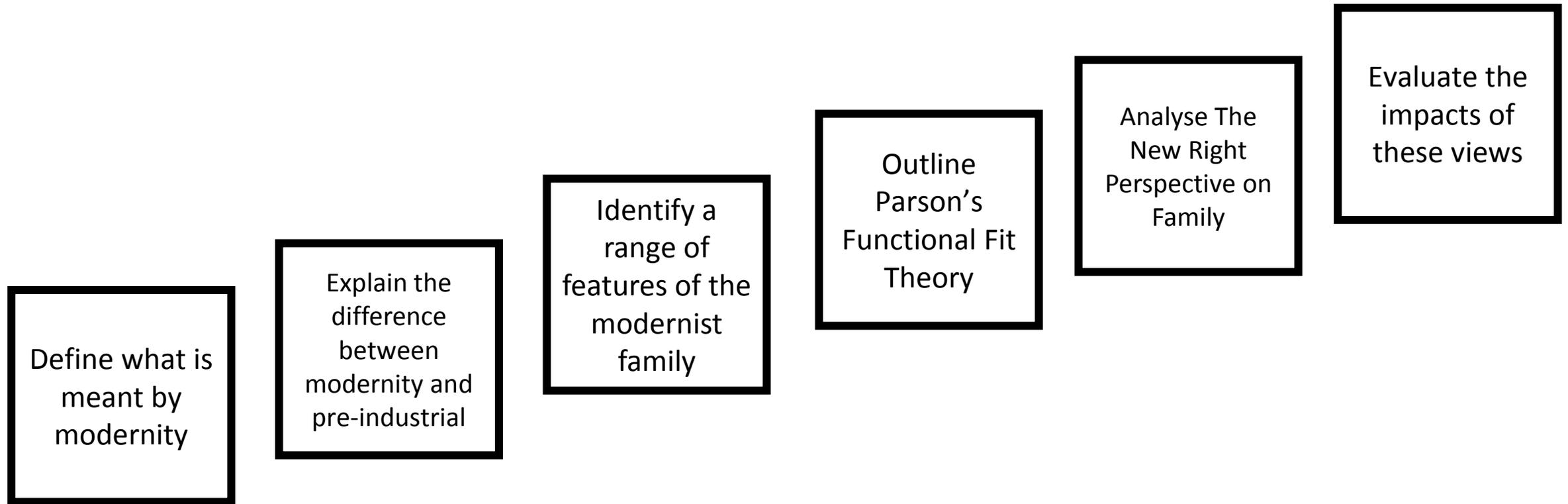
Families and Households – Modernity and the New Right

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 Modernism to our understanding of the family



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AO1 – 10 mins

Define what is meant by modernity

Explain the difference between modernity and pre-industrial

Modernity is...

Pre-industrial	Feature	Modern
	Work	
	Living	
	Beliefs	
	Family	

What are the features of the modernist 'nuclear' family?

Identify a range of features of the modernist family



Illustrate the journey of the nuclear family according to Parsons

Outline
Parson's
Functional Fit
Theory

AO3 – Analysis - Explain why the New Right have these views

Analyse The
New Right
Perspective on
Family

> **Marriage is
Essential to Social
Stability**

> **The Nuclear
Family is the
Cornerstone of
society**

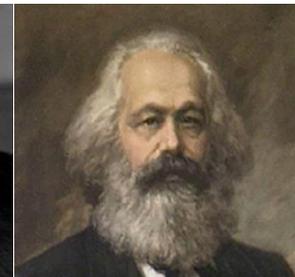
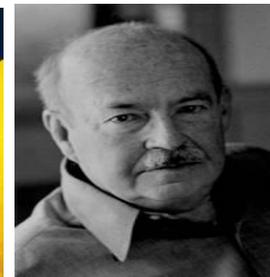
> **Lone-Parents
are unnatural &
harmful to
society.**

> **Traditional Values
Male Breadwinners &
Female Homemakers
(Instrumental &
Expressive)**



The New Right think that only one type of family can adequately socialise children. What is wrong with this statement?

Evaluate the impacts of these views



**POST
MODERN**

What might other theories suggest about the family?

