

# Family Checklist

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Topic	Applied to areas (AO2)	Analysis	Evaluations
<p>The relationship of the family to the social structure and social change, with particular reference to the economy and to state policies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Functionalist Views</li> <li>- Marxists Views</li> <li>- Feminist Views</li> <li>- New Right Views</li> <li>- Post-Modern Views</li> </ul> <p>Suggested studies Parsons, Murdock, Zaretsky, Oakley, Donzelot, Leonard, Murray, Beck</p>	<p>Application to Social Policy</p> <p>Application to Childhood Experience</p> <p>Application to changes in Family</p> <p>'Evaluate the contribution of...' questions</p> <p>'Evaluate the claim...'</p> <p>'nuclear family is in decline'</p> <p>'family diversity has increased in the last 50 years'</p> <p>'main purpose of the family is to serve the needs of capitalism'</p> <p>'main purpose of the family in to provide economic and emotional security'</p> <p>'the family serves the needs of the patriarchy'</p> <p>'there is no such thing as a typical family'</p>	<p>Explain how each concept or idea works and give examples were necessary</p> <p>E.g. How does the family provide emotional stability? How does the family serve needs of capitalism?</p>	<p>What is wrong with these ideas?</p> <p>What would other sociologists suggest?</p> <p>What do they not explain?</p> <p>How are they backed up/criticised by research?</p> <p>Are they relevant to contemporary society?</p>

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<p>Changing patterns of families and households</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Marriage</li> <li>- Cohabitation</li> <li>- Separation and divorce</li> <li>- Childbearing</li> <li>- The life course,</li> <li>- sociology of personal life</li> <li>- diversity of contemporary family and household structures</li> </ul> <p>An understanding of the trends in contemporary family and household structures,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- symmetrical family</li> <li>- beanpole families</li> <li>- matrifocal families</li> <li>- serial monogamy</li> <li>- lone-parent families</li> <li>- house husbands</li> <li>- living apart together</li> <li>- same sex couples</li> </ul> <p>Suggested studies: Chester, Giddens, Rapoport, Weeks, Stacey, May, Smart, Beck, Giddens</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Structure of family changing and its impact on childhood experiences</li> <li>- Impact of globalisation on family structures</li> <li>- Impact of social policies on family structures</li> <li>- Impact of social changes on family structures e.g. feminism, women working, people living longer, migration</li> <li>- Evaluate the claim questions:</li> <li>- 'the nuclear family is no longer the norm'</li> <li>- 'that there has been a rise in family diversity over the last 50 years'</li> <li>- 'women's employment has changed the structure of the family'</li> <li>- 'increased life expectancy has changed family structure'</li> </ul>	<p>Explain how each concept or idea works and give examples where necessary</p> <p>e.g. Why has divorce risen in society? Why are we having less children? Why are we seeing an increase in beanpole families? What has been the impact of women working on family structure? Why have changing social attitudes such as secularisation impacted on family structure?</p>	<p>What is wrong with these ideas?</p> <p>What would other sociologists suggest?</p> <p>What do they not explain?</p> <p>How are they backed up/criticised by research?</p> <p>Are they relevant to contemporary society?</p>

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<p>Gender roles, domestic labour and power relationships within the family in contemporary society</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Domestic labour</li> <li>- Childcare</li> <li>- Domestic violence</li> <li>- Finance</li> <li>- Dual burden</li> <li>- Triple shift</li> <li>- Decision making</li> </ul> <p>You need an understanding of the extent of changes and also diversity of experiences</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Has the division of labour changed? Has it changed across different social groups?</li> </ul> <p>Suggested studies: Duncombe and Marsden, Pahl, Dunne, Pahl and Vogler, Dobash and Dobash, Gershuny</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Impact of social changes and changes to family structure on gender roles and relationships</li> <li>- Impact of social policies on gender roles and relationships</li> <li>- Theoretical views on gender roles and relationships</li> <li>- Evaluate the claim questions:</li> </ul> <p>‘Gender roles and relationships are more equal in contemporary society’</p> <p>‘women are exploited in the family’ or ‘the family benefits men’</p> <p>‘changing family structures have led to more equal gender roles and relationships’</p>	<p>Explain how each concept or idea works and give examples where necessary</p> <p>E.g. Be able to explain why gender roles are or aren't more equal</p> <p>Explain why domestic violence happens</p> <p>Explain why women are becoming more equal in the decision making process</p> <p>Explain the impacts of greater equality on family life</p>	<p>What is wrong with these ideas?</p> <p>What would other sociologists suggest?</p> <p>What do they not explain?</p> <p>How are they backed up/criticised by research?</p> <p>Are they relevant to contemporary society?</p>

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<p>The nature of childhood, and changes in the status of children in the family and society</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- How childhood is socially constructed</li> <li>- Different sociological views on the nature and experience of childhood.</li> <li>- How childhood is experienced differently across gender, ethnicity and social class</li> <li>- Cross cultural differences and how the experience of childhood has changed historically.</li> </ul> <p>Suggested studies:            Pilcher, Aries, Wagg, Postman, Palmer, Womack, McRobbie and Garber, Brannen, Howard, Aries, Punch, Donzelot</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Social Policy and it's effects on childhood experience</li> <li>- Changing family structures and their effect on childhood experience</li> <li>- The impact of globalisation on childhood experience</li> </ul> <p>Evaluate the claim questions:</p> <p>'Childhood is disappearing'</p> <p>'Childhood has become toxic'</p> <p>'Changes to the family structure has caused uncertainty in childhood experience'</p> <p>'Changes in wider society have impacted on the experience of childhood'</p>	<p>Explain how each concept or idea works and give examples were necessary</p> <p>E.g. How has the experience of childhood been changed by changes to the family structure?</p> <p>Why has society become more child centred?</p> <p>How has a child-centred society led to fewer children?</p> <p>Why is childhood disappearing? Why is it being extended?</p>	<p>What is wrong with these ideas?</p> <p>What would other sociologists suggest?</p> <p>What do they not explain?</p> <p>How are they backed up/criticised by research?</p> <p>Are they relevant to contemporary society?</p>

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<p>Demographic trends in the United Kingdom since 1900</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- birth rates</li> <li>- death rates</li> <li>- family size</li> <li>- life expectancy,</li> <li>- ageing population</li> <li>- migration and globalisation</li> </ul> <p>Nature, causes and significance of these changes</p> <p>How these changes impact on family and households, and also wider society, including concepts such as net migration, infant mortality rate and fertility rate.</p> <p>Suggested Studies: McKeown, Hirsch, Townsend, The Griffiths report, Picher, Blaikie</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Application to childhood experience</li> <li>- Application to Social policies</li> <li>- Application to Family Diversity</li> <li>- Application to changing family structures</li> <li>- Application to roles and relationships</li> </ul> <p>Evaluate the claim questions:</p> <p>‘migration has led to greater family diversity in the UK’</p> <p>‘increased life expectancy has created a drain on resources in the UK’</p> <p>‘that society has become child centred as a result of demographic change’</p>	<p>Explain how each concept or idea works and give examples were necessary</p> <p>E.g. How does a decrease in the birth rate affect state spending on healthcare?</p> <p>How can government policy influence the birth rate?</p> <p>How can migration lead to greater family diversity?</p> <p>How can increased life expectancy influence our relationships?</p>	<p>What is wrong with these ideas?</p> <p>What would other sociologists suggest?</p> <p>What do they not explain?</p> <p>How are they backed up/criticised by research?</p> <p>Are they relevant to contemporary society?</p>

# Family Overview

Concept	Tick when Complete	Concept	Tick when Complete	Concept	Tick when Complete
Primary Socialisation		Economic Function of Family		Gender socialisation and Sexual Regulation	
Stabilisation of Adult Personality (Warm Bath Theory)		Reproduction		Reproduction of Workers	
Family is a unit of Consumption		Socialisation into dominant ideology		Family creating 'false needs'	
False Class Consciousness		Family stops workers from revolting		Biological Division of Labour (Instrumental and Expressive roles)	
Reserve Army of Labour		Dual Burden		Triple shift	
Joint and segregated conjugal roles		Serial Monogamy		Confluent love (Romantic love)	
Impact of Feminism on Family		Impact of Contraception		Impact of Welfare State	
Impact of women working		Changing role of fathers		Impact of Secularisation	
Impact of globalisation		Changes in decision making		Causes of domestic violence	

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Increase in cohabitation		Reasons for greater family diversity		Reasons for lone person households	
Personal Life perspective		Rise of Fictive Families		Symmetrical Family	
Beanpole Families		Policing the family		Reason for increasing migration	
Reasons for increased life expectancy		Reasons for decline in death rates		Reasons for decline in birth rates	
Reasons for delaying marriage		Reasons for fall in fertility rate		Reasons for ageing population	
Impacts of ageing population on society		Impacts of less children in society		Neo-conventional family and life-course	
Social construction of childhood		Reasons for disappearance of childhood		Toxic Childhood	
Reasons for child centred society		Reasons for smaller families		Decline in marriage	
Rise in Divorce		Reasons for increased remarriages		Increase in same sex families	

# Social Policies Overview

Concept	Tick when Complete	Concept	Tick when Complete	Concept	Tick when Complete
Education Reform Act 1988		Tripartite System		Comprehensive System	
Sure Start		EMA/Bursaries		GIST and WISE	
League Tables		Introduction of Academies		Free Schools	
Faith schools		Specialist schools		Education Action Zones	
Beacon Schools		Changes to GCSES and Coursework		Marketisation of Education	
PISA rankings		Change to Linear Exams		National Curriculum	
Ofsted		Rise in Tuition Fees		Standardised Testing	
Sexual Discrimination Act		Divorce Reform Act		Equal Pay Act	
Family Planning Act		Creation of Child Support Agency		Married Persons Tax Allowance	
Limit of 2 children for benefits		Tax Credits		30 hour childcare	
Child Benefit		Changes to Maternity/Paternity		Equality and Diversity Act 2010	
Changes to pension age					