



**Section A**

## Answer question 1

- 1 Sociologists frequently use the term ‘traditional’ to refer to families that are made up of heterosexual parents and their children. These traditional types of family can also be extended to include other kin. When a family structure fits perfectly into this pattern it is called an ideal type, but many families do not fit the ideal type perfectly. Examples of these variations include *beanpole* and lone-parent families in which a growing number of people live in modern industrial societies.

Many households are also made up of an individual living alone; these households are not families even though the individuals living in them may have kin. The development of single person households and other alternative types of living arrangements has led some sociologists to argue that the traditional family is in decline in modern industrial societies.

- (a) What is meant by the term *beanpole family*? [2]
- (b) Describe **two** reasons for the increase in the number of lone-parent families. [4]
- (c) Explain why more individuals may choose to live alone in modern industrial societies than in the past. [8]
- (d) Assess the extent to which ‘traditional families’ are disappearing in modern industrial societies. [11]

**Section B**Answer **either** question 2 **or** question 3

- 2 Explain and assess the functionalist view that the nuclear family ‘fits’ the needs of society. [25]
- 3 ‘The elderly are a disadvantaged group in most societies.’ Explain and assess this view. [25]

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