

Chapter 3: The Family (Worksheet)

Instructions: Fill in the blanks, as you progress with your reading of chapter 3.

Family Forms

The family consist of _____ or more people related by blood, _____, or adoption. They exist in many forms such as, nuclear, extended and one-parent families. The _____ family consist of mother, father and their young children living together. The _____ family consists of two or more nuclear families joined together by parent-child relationships. The one-parent family comprises _____ or _____ and children living together.

Functions and roles of the family

The main functions of the family are: The transmitting of _____; prevention of _____; socialization of _____; provision of _____ needs; procreation; and conferring of _____ which can be ascribed or _____. The economic function of the family is linked to the division of _____ among family members, depending on _____, sex and skills. Where the community or society is _____ or isolated, the family tends to be much more of an _____ unit than in the case of an urban society. Universally, families are expected to perform functions for the benefit of their family members and _____. However, family roles are determined within the social setting of the family and are performed by individual family members. Families all over the world perform the functions outlined earlier, regardless of the society in which they live. However, Individual family members have different roles which they perform from day to day for the welfare of the family as a whole and the members in particular. Some roles are generalized, for example

- _____ as bread winner
- Mother as _____, counsellor and caring person
- Teenagers and _____ contribute their _____ and pensions respectively to family income
- Younger family members add to the family's _____ value by their music and drama

- Parents help with the _____ of spiritual values and _____ development.

The Family and Community

The family can be regarded as a _____ community within a much _____ community. It operates in a similar way to _____, but on a smaller, more intimate scale. To a degree the family is responsible for the quality of the community in which it operates. Large families make large _____ and a nation with a large population. Careful _____ of family size reduces the many problems that go with _____ and allows families to enjoy a better standard of _____. Families are better able to decide on the type of housing and where they want to live. The children will have better _____ and greater opportunities for _____. They will also have greater and easier access to nutrition.

Young couples can use mechanical contraceptives such as the pill, IUD, _____, foam and _____ to help control their family size. Long standing couples who already have children may choose sterilization as their main method of contraception. However, they must be sure that they do not want to have any more children. Sterilization for the male is known as _____ whereas for females it is called _____.