

UNIT 1: FAMILY LIFE

Read the passage, and choose the correct answer A, B, C or D for each question.

The American family unit is in the process of change. In the first half of the 20th century, there were mainly two types of families: the extended and the nuclear. An extended family includes mother, father, children and some other relatives, living in the same house. A nuclear family is composed of just parents and children living under the same roof.

As the American economy had progressed from agricultural to industrial one, people were forced to move to different parts of the country to get good jobs. These jobs were mainly in the large cities. Now, in fact, three-quarters of Americans live in urban areas which occupy 2.5% of the national total land mass. Of the 118 million in the labour force, only 3 million still work on the farm.

Since moving for better jobs has often divided the extended family, the nuclear family became more popular. At present, 55% of the families in the US are nuclear families. But besides the two types of traditional family groupings, the family is now being expanded to include a variety of other living arrangements because of divorce. There is an increase in single-parent families, in which a father or mother lives with one or more children. Divorce has also led to blended families, which occur when previously married men and women marry again and combine the children from former marriage into a new family. There are also some couples who do not want to have children to form two-person childless families.

New words:

- is composed of = include: bao gồm.
- progress from ...to ...: phát triển từ...đến...
- nuclear family: gia đình hạt nhân > < extended family: gia đình đa thế hệ
- single-parent family: gia đình (cha/mẹ) đơn thân
- blended family: gia đình có con riêng (của chồng/vợ hoặc cả 2)
- divorce: ly hôn
- labour force: lực lượng lao động.
- divide: chia nhỏ > < combine: kết hợp

1. A nuclear family is one that _____.
A. consists of father, mother, and children living in the same house
B. relatives live with
C. there are only grandparents, parents and their children living in
D. is bigger than extended family
2. The expression “**under the same roof**” means _____.
A. a house with one roof
B. a house with the roof the same as the wall
C. in the same house
D. under the house
3. The nuclear family becomes more popular because of _____.
A. more divorces
B. extended family
C. fewer jobs in big cities
D. an increase in single-parent families
4. How many types of families have there been in the US since the first half of the 20th century?
A. Two B. Three C. Four D. Five
5. What does the word “**who**” refer to?
A. family B. couples C. better jobs D. children

Choose the most suitable word for each gap to finish the passage:

My (1) _____ family includes three members. My husband is an engineer at a car producing company. I am a teacher at a junior high school. My daughter is four years old. Because we both work and are busy, we send her to a (2) _____ in our neighbourhood. All the members often spend time with each other in the evening. My husband and I prepare dinner (3) _____. My daughter paints pictures or watches cartoons. Although there (4) _____ a lot of household duties around home, I am not tired because my husband joins (5) _____ to do housework with me.

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| 1. A. extended | B. huge | C. nuclear | D. big |
| 2. A. nursing home | B. nursery school | C. high school | D. university |
| 3. A. each other | B. one another | C. of other | D. together |
| 4. A. is | B. are | C. was | D. were |
| 5. A. hearts | B. heads | C. feet | D. hands |