

FAMILY

In most parts of the world a family is made up of a wife, husband and their children. Sometimes grandparents, uncles and their children and even cousins are also included. However, this is not the case all the time. In some countries a man has several wives which is called polygamy. Sometimes, though it is very rare, a woman has several husbands which is called polyandry. There are different types of families in different parts of the world. In Africa the chief of a tribe usually has more than one wife. In some Arabic countries a man can have up to four wives, and this is called a compound family. Being a “family” means couples’ doing things together. In this way they can bring up the children properly and safely. The father and the mother have different roles. In a traditional family, the father usually works, earns a living and protects the rest of the family while the mother looks after the home and raises the children. However, in the last fifty years family structure has changed because of the developments in social life. Women, as well as men, are taking control in the home and at work. They provide jointly for the family.

***Mark the sentence true (T) or false(F) according to the passage**

1. A family only consists of a father, a mother and their children. _____
2. A woman with many husbands is quite common. _____
3. In a traditional family, the father is responsible for the security of his family. _____
4. Polygamous marriages are usual in Africa. _____
5. Family members support each other mutually in various fields of life. _____
6. In modern family, man and wife manage the money and have equal responsibilities. _____

***What do they refer to?**

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***Match the words with their definitions**

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| 1. polygamy: | a. the custom of having more than a husband |
| 2. monogamy: | b. a marriage outside of a specific group as required by custom |
| 3. exogamy: | c. the custom of being married to only one husband or wife |
| 4. polyandry: | d. the custom of having more than one husband or wife |
| 5. endogamy: | e. a marriage within a specific group as required by custom |