LC HOME ECONOMICS CORE SOCIOLOGY REVISION QUESTIONS

FAMILY:

1. Define the following sociological concepts: a) society b) socialisation c) culture d) norms e) mores f) values
2. ‘The family is a universal institution’ Comment on this statement
3. Give a brief definition of the family
4. Analyse the reasons for the decline of the traditional family in Irish society
5. Outline the historical development of the family in Ireland from the beginning of the twentieth century to the present day
6. Outline the characteristics of the following modern family structures: a) extended b) nuclear c) blended and d) lone parent family
7. What could be done to improve the quality of relationships which exist in blended families?
8. Write an account of the social, economic and technological changes which have affected modern family structures
9. List and explain the reasons why the number of single-parent families has increased over the course of the 20th century
10. Describe five main functions of the family in modern society
11. Explain four ways in which the state intervenes/assists in traditional family functions
12. State how the family functions as a financial unit within the economy

Terms to revise:
- Customs
- Gender roles
- Social control
- Patriarchal family
- Extended family
- Egalitarian roles
- Geographic mobility
- Nuclear family
- Conjugial roles
- Kinsfolk
- Blended family

MARRIAGE:

1. Give a brief definition of marriage
2. Describe some of the cultural variations that exist in relation to marital arrangements in society
3. Outline four conditions that are necessary to make a marriage legally valid in Ireland
4. Summarise the legal rights and responsibilities of marriage partners
5. Why is marriage preparation an important step for couples preparing to marry?
6. Give an account of three facilities available to couples preparing for marriage
7. List the factors that have led to an increase in marital breakdown in Irish society?
8. Give an account of the following options available when a marriage breaks down:
   a) Marriage counselling
   b) Family mediation
   c) Legal separation
   d) Legal nullity
   e) Divorce
9. What is an annulment?

10. Set out the conditions required for granting a divorce under the Family Law (Divorce) Act 1996

11. Discuss the effect of divorce on the family and on society at large

12. Explain the difference between a legal separation and legal nullity?

13. Would a divorce allow a couple to remarry in the eyes of the church? Why?

Terms to revise:
Monogamy; Polygamy; Polygyny; Polyandry; patrilocal; neolocal; engogamy; mediation; judicial separation; nullity; annulment; bigamy

FAMILY AS A CARING UNIT:

1. Write an account of the roles and responsibilities of each of the following groups in the family: a) children b) parents c) elderly (Describe how the role of an individual changes throughout family life cycle)

2. What is gender equality? How can this be applied to family roles?

3. Describe how changing roles within the family have impacted on individuals and/or society

4. Analyse how social and economic factors have affected the changing roles of family members

5. What is role conflict? What are the causes of role conflict within families; give some examples where conflict exists within families

6. How can conflict be successfully managed within the family?

7. Analyse how i) social factors and ii) economic factors affect parenting roles within the family unit

8. How can parents meet the physical and psychological needs of children and adolescents?

9. Outline four rights of children within the family

10. Discuss the importance of good communication within the family

11. Discuss the role of older people within the family

12. What is generation conflict? Outline the causes of generation conflict within the family and suggest four ways of dealing with the conflict

13. What is ageism?

14. How can family members give its older members independence?

15. Identify and elaborate on the difficulties that the family unit may experience when a member of the family has special needs

16. Outline the response of the family to those with special needs

17. Give details of one statutory and one voluntary agency that assists families with special needs

18. Outline the role of the Rehab Group

Terms to revise:
Complementary marriage; parallel marriage; stereotyping; sex stereotyping; egalitarian roles; dual-career family; peer group; role conflict; self esteem; generation gap; gerontology; prejudice; ageism
FAMILY LAW:

1. Write a detailed account of the following family laws: (explain the protection available for families)
   a) The Family Law (Maintenance of Spouses and Children) Act (1976)
   b) The Family Home Protection Act (1976)
   e) The Child Care Act (1991)

2. Explain the importance of making a will

3. Outline the procedure for making a will

Terms to revise:
Dependent child; spouse; cohabit; attachment of earnings order; barring order; executor of a will; dying intestate; capital acquisition tax