

**LEAD CITY UNIVERSITY, IBADAN  
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**COURSE PARTICULARS**

**Course Code:** SSE 215  
**Course Title:** Sociology of Family  
**No of Units:** 2  
**Status:** Compulsory

**LECTURER DETAILS**

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**Course Description:** Sociologists talk about family as a social institution, social construction of the family, cultural meaning, historical and comparative context.

**Course Objectives:** At the end of the course, students should be able to (1) Discuss the variations in way to define families, showing political reasons that definitions are important (2) Explain and discuss the sociological imagination (3) Explain how the family is both a private relationship and public institution.

**Lecture Plan:**

Week 1: What is family? Definition – Ancestors-children, feeling, ownership, shared knowledge, moral high ground.  
Week 2: Extended family, nuclear family, ‘family’ as ‘socially constructed!’  
Week 3: The Sociological imagination, social structure.  
Week 4: Social Vices/ills in the society and how they affect the family  
Week 5: New development in facilities in this 21<sup>st</sup> century  
Week 6: Socio-economic status of the man and woman in the family  
Week 7: the trend towards greater-life expectancy in homes  
Week 8: Rising divorce rate and people who will never marry.  
Week 9: How the choices of the parents affect their children.  
Week 10: Same sex couples and marriages, lesbianism, homosexuality.  
Week 11: Test  
Week 12: Examination

**Course Requirement/Assessment**

Test/Continuous Assessment	30%
Examination	70%
<b>Total</b>	<b>100%</b>

### **Reading List:**

En. [wikibooks.org/wiki/introduction-to-sociology/family](http://wikibooks.org/wiki/introduction-to-sociology/family)

Newman, David M. (2009) families: A Sociological Perspective. New York, McGraw-Hill

Seccombe, Karen, (2012) Exploring Marriage & Families. Boston, MA Ailyn & Bacom

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### **TUTORIAL QUESTIONS**

1. Discuss the term “family” in contemporary times.
2. Marriage is (a) governmentally recognized (b) Socially recognized (c) religiously recognized. Discuss.
3. Define extensively what sociology is, its scope and its practical significance.
4. Discuss not less than five (5) social issues in Sociology.
5. Discuss the new development in families in this 21 century.

6. Highlight and discuss five (5) factors that may have contributed to the rise in divorces.
7. Elucidate the following: (i) Sociology of motherhood (ii) Sociology of fatherhood (iii) Sociology of childhood
8. Discuss what is actually meant by marriage and types of marriage obtainable in Nigeria.
9. Elucidate on how childhood autonomy has changed overtime.
10. Discuss in details the functions and activities of the family.
11. “Courtship precedes marriage”. How obsolete or modern is this statement?
12. How is your opinion has marriage increased the socio-economic status of women? If yes, why? If no why not?

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**MARKING GUIDE**

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|----|---|---------------------------|-----------|
| 1. | Discuss the term “family”.  |                           | <b>20</b> |
|    | <b>marks</b>  |                           |           |
| 2. | Discuss the Marriage  |                           | <b>2</b>  |
|    | <b>marks</b>  |                           |           |
|    | (a) - (c)   | <b>6 x 3</b>              | <b>18</b> |
|    | <b>marks</b>  |                           |           |
| 3. | Definition of sociology.  |                           | <b>20</b> |
|    | <b>marks</b>  |                           |           |
| 4. | Discuss 5 social issues -   | 4 marks each              | <b>20</b> |
|    | <b>marks</b>  |                           |           |
| 5. | New Development in families in this 21 century.                           |                           | <b>20</b> |
|    | <b>marks</b>  |                           |           |
| 6. | Highlight and discussing ten factors responsible<br>for rise in divorces. | 10 points x 2 marks each  | <b>20</b> |
|    | <b>marks</b>  |                           |           |
| 7. | Definition of Sociology   |                           | <b>2</b>  |
|    | <b>marks</b>  |                           |           |
|    | a – c   | 3 points x 6 marks each   | <b>18</b> |
|    | <b>marks</b>  |                           |           |
| 8. | Description and types of marriage   | 2 points x 10 marks each. | <b>20</b> |
|    | <b>marks</b>  |                           |           |

9. Childhood autonomy. **20**

**marks**

10. Functions and activities of the family. – 5 points x marks each **20**

**marks**

11. Discussion: obsolete or modern **20**

**marks**

Discussion **20 marks**