

2015 HIGHER SCHOOL CERTIFICATE EXAMINATION  
Community and Family Studies

Section I (continued)

Part B – 55 marks

Attempt Questions 21–28

Allow about 1 hour and 40 minutes for this part

Answer the questions in the spaces provided. These spaces provide guidance for the expected length of response.

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Question 21 (10 marks)

- (a) Explain how sampling contributes to reliable and valid research.

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Sampling contributes to reliable and valid research as sampling isn't specifically chosen. When sampling, there could be a variety of different people with different perspectives/opinions therefore it is more reliable. Since ~~people are~~ sampling is random, and not specifically picked out, it lowers the chances of ~~any~~ <sup>it being</sup> bias, hence increasing validity.

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## Question 21 (continued)

- (b) Propose strategies which could be used to ensure that individuals involved in a research study are shown respect and privacy.

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It is important when conducting research that you respect the individuals and their privacy. When conducting research you should tell the individual you're researching, your name, what you're researching and the purpose of it. If you are conducting an interview, you should ensure the individual of their privacy and confidentiality, and change their name. When conducting a questionnaire you should keep the names of the people who filled them out anonymous.

**End of Question 21**

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Question 22 (6 marks)

Examine how access to childcare services affects the wellbeing of first-time parents.

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Access to childcare services can affect the wellbeing of first-time parents in a both negatively and/or positive way. It can affect the wellbeing of a first-time parent negatively as they might not be able to afford the costs of sending their kids to a day care, it can also affect them as they might not have access to transport to get there, consequently putting a lot of stress on them. However it can affect them positively in the way, that if they both work full time, they know that their child is being looked after & they can still manage to maintain a sustainable income.

**Question 23** (8 marks)

A student plans to conduct a research project on the impact of social media on youth.

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Assess the suitability of using BOTH a questionnaire AND a case study as research methods for this topic.

"The impact of social media on youth" would have a large target group. A questionnaire could be helpful as it is not time consuming for the research conductor or as time consuming for the individual. Questionnaires are also easily accessible through the internet therefore making it easier for individuals to fill them out. However if you don't have access to internet, a questionnaire may not be suitable. A case study may be suitable for a person who is still at school because they would be surrounded by youth using social media, hence making it easier for them to choose a group and study them. However, if the research conductor doesn't go to school it may be more difficult.

**Question 24** (8 marks)

John has just completed university. His mother has recently been involved in a major car accident. John is now required to provide full-time care for his mother.

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Explain the preparations John could undertake as a carer to ensure his mother's wellbeing.

John would have to quit any job he may have had or if it was a job in which he could work from home, he could make an arrangement with his boss. If not, John would have to find a job in which he could work from home, as he needs to have a stable income in order to provide an adequate standard of living for his mother & himself. John could also seek help from organisations for John would have to modify his life so they he can take care of his mother. If his mother requires any medication he would have to give the doctors about his mother.

**Question 25** (3 marks)

Explain how the characteristics of people with disabilities may affect their access to services.

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Characteristics such as age can affect one's access to services as if they're under 18, they aren't allowed or don't get anything benefits. The type of disability also affects their access as if a person is bound to a wheelchair he has a harder time getting places. People who live further away don't have access to services as they may not have access to transport.

**Question 26** (4 marks)

How can informal support assist parents to fulfil their parental responsibilities?

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Informal support benefits parents greatly. Informal support assists parents because it allows parents to go to work and provide a sustainable income as well as not having to worry about the child having to get picked up at a certain time or the fees of day care. It also greatly assists first-time parents as they aren't on their own and they have the help they need.

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27) LGBTI communities

The improvement of the communities / societies attitudes towards to the LGBTI community has affected their wellbeing positively. The wider society and community have become more open and accepting to the LGBTI community hence the individuals among the LGBTI community opening up and becoming more comfortable with themselves and their sexuality / sexual identity. Work places among society have also been more open in hiring people from the ~~LGBTI~~ LGBTI community. You see a lot more people that identify themselves as part of the LGBTI community, among society, which shows that they are more comfortable and happier, consequently positively affecting their wellbeing.

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Question 28 (8 marks)

Answer the following question in relation to ONE of the groups listed below.

The group you select can be the same as or different from the group you used in Question 27:

- Aged
- Culturally and linguistically diverse communities
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples
- Rural and remote families
- Gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, intersex communities
- Sole parents
- Youth.

Group: Lesbian, Gay, bisexual, transgender, intersex (LGBTI)

How have government policy and legislation helped the group to achieve equity within the wider community?

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Government policies and legislation such as, the Anti-Discrimination Act, has somewhat prevented the LGBTI community being constantly harassed and bullied. However since the

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'same marriage law' was brought up, although it has not yet been passed. The ~~common~~ wider society and community have been a more open and accepting of the LGBTI community. In comparison, 10-20 years ago when being a LGBTI was frowned upon and same sex couples weren't allowed.

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