

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.

Question 21 (10 marks)

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

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There are several sampling methods that can contribute to valid and reliable research. These include random, stratified random and ^{systematic} ~~stratified~~ sample. These ^{methods} ~~sample~~ contribute to making valid research as they ensure that factors such as gender, sex, age, ^{and location} ~~location~~ do not have any influence on the people that are ~~also~~ chosen (sample group) for the research process. Sampling methods also ensure reliability as they ensure that if the research were conducted again, it would produce similar results. Sampling methods ensure this ~~by~~ as they are supposed to be ^{certain groups} ~~representative~~ of a whole population and not ^{within the} ~~population~~.

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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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In a research study, respect can be seen as ~~an~~ ^{an} awareness of others own needs and feelings. ~~an~~ ^{an} awareness that may put some and feelings. Respect in research study can be ensured by voluntary participation where the people being used as part of research are not being forced in any way to undertake the process whether it being a case study, interview or observation. Another way of ensuring respect would be through the researcher's awareness of physical, social and emotional wellbeing of the individual involved. This awareness will allow researchers to word questions carefully to ensure that ^{nothing offensive is said.} ~~no offence is done~~. Privacy in a research study involves a researcher's ~~of~~ ^{careful} displayment and storage of the individual's responses ^{that have} ~~in~~ ^{been} given as part of the research process. Researcher's may ensure this by allowing ^{of the individual involved's} anonymity unless given consent to other wise. Privacy can also be ensured through the researcher's ~~share~~ ^{careful} handling responses as they do not release any information to anyone ^{results, make sure} outside the research process and before releasing that individual's identify their response and give consent to it being released.

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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 terms of emotional, spiritual, economic and social wellbeing. Access to childcare services can have a positive impact on the emotional, social and spiritual wellbeing of parents. The access of ^{process} can make parents feel more happy and relaxed as they go to their daily job as childcare services are caring for ~~the~~ the child. It can also make parents feel more confident about ^{re-}entering the workforce as they know that there is a chance of being able to have the financial safety and security for providing for their new family. Childcare services also open first-time parents up to a more social life as they meet parents of other children ^{who are} enrolled at the same centre. However, access to childcare services can have a negative affect on first-time parents emotionally and economically. For first-time parents they may have a limited budget which can be affected ^{by accessing childcare} as they struggle to pay for all their expenses. This can lead to growing sense of sadness/depression ^(emotional wellbeing). For first-time parents, leaving their child alone in a foreign place can induce stress and anxiety due to worrying ^{about something going wrong}.

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.

Questionnaires are a research method that allow the student to collect data quickly and form a large sample group. It doesn't have to be restricted to the school and can be used as a link for other people. Questionnaires are somewhat suitable for the research project. If the student provides the correct questions without allowing bias then the student has valid results for their research process. ^{Choosing the correct questions is important because} However, predetermined opinions can get in the way and create a very subjective response to the research study being conducted. ~~So~~ There is also the issue that questionnaires can be subject to students who post silly remarks as answers. ^{However} Questionnaires ~~are~~ can be suitable as they provide a wide range of responses in a short amount of time and can easily be accessed online or through paper. A case study is a very suitable method for the idea behind the research proposal. A case study can provide an in depth ^{gap of people's} own perspective into a certain ~~person's~~ person's or persons life and how social media affected them. The case study will also allow a deeper understanding of the researcher towards their proposal for the research process. If case studies are conducted ^{without} ~~without~~ respect, integrity or privacy then the student may produce an invalid study. ~~So~~ Questionnaires and case studies are suitable to the research process as they allow a wide range of people (sample group) to participate in research whilst giving a deeper understanding ^{to the} research proposal.

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.

There are several preparations that John could undertake in order to prepare for becoming a carer for his mother. John can start this by enhancing his knowledge and skills. This could mainly focus on enhancing knowledge and skills towards understanding his mother's situation, such as understanding a disability that may be acquired because of the accident, and by learning how to take care of his mother and how he can help her in performing daily tasks such as eating, clothing, personal hygiene and travelling places if she needs to go somewhere (e.g. going to an appointment). John can also prepare by modifying the environment of the household to suit the needs of his mother such as adding ramps to get from one level to another or by adding seating in the shower if the mother can't stand up. Modifying the environment could also mean changing the car to make it accessible to his mother when driving places. Preparing to become a carer can also involve organising finances. John can do this in order to be able to pay for expenses effectively. This may mean John might have to ~~find~~ apply for government allowances or ~~get~~ ^{get on} a job in order to assist with paying for all expenses. John may also need to change his health behaviours which may include becoming more physically active to have more energy during the day or it could mean that he can't prioritise his fitness due to the fact that as a full-time carer his priority is to help achieve the needs of his mother.

Question 25 (3 marks)

LED AGES

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

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There are several characteristics that affect access to services such as their socioeconomic status, their first language spoken and the type of disabilities they have acquired. The characteristics of people with disabilities can mean that they may fear that they don't get appropriate ~~words~~ ^{appropriate} said because of language barriers due to culture. It could also mean that people with disabilities may not be able to reach places before they close or before a particular time. People with disabilities may also not know the type of services available in assisting them with issues.

Question 26 (4 marks)

Discipline
Setting Limits
Duty of Care

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

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Informal support can assist parents to fulfill their parental responsibilities as many parents look to informal support as their first sign of help. Informal support can assist parents as people such as family or friends can help be a guide as to how to fulfill certain responsibilities such as Discipline. Parents can also look to ^{informal support networks} neighbours ~~and~~ friends as more trustful people when it comes to duty of care. E.g. babysitting ^{by} ~~at~~ ^{their grandchild} children whilst parents are at work. Parents have more trust in informal support networks. Parents can also look to informal support networks when developing strategies in setting limits and how to successfully set limits among one another. Informal support are also more available to parents when parents require help with ~~at~~ situations.

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Section I — Part B (continued)

Question 27 (8 marks)

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

- 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: Gay, lesbians, bisexuals, transgender, intersex communities

To what extent have attempts to improve community attitudes towards the group affected its wellbeing?

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Many people then and now have a constant negative attitude towards members within the GLBTI community. ^{and this has had a negative impact on the wellbeing of members.} Attempts of raising awareness, educating the community, ~~and~~ promoting the rights of the group and advocacy have worked to slowly improve this negative attitude to GLBTI members. GLBTI members have ~~contributed~~ ^{made} a vast amount of contributions to the community which ~~has allowed~~ ^{has allowed} ~~them to develop~~ ^{them to develop} a more positive wellbeing. ^{Attempts such as} Educating the community through programs such as Mardi Gras, Wear it Purple day and school programs has contributed positively to the physical

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social, ~~and~~ ^{SP} spiritual and emotional wellbeing. It has allowed less attempts at violence and harassment whether it being physical or verbal and ^{for less isolation} has allowed a slow ~~integration~~ to occur to the GLBTI thus improving their wellbeing. Raising awareness ^{and} promoting rights ^{spiritual} attempts have also allowed a great positive impact on the wellbeing of members within the GLBTI as many people come to learn the many issues and harsh realities of mistreatment of GLBTI members within the group. ~~As~~ ^{Advocacy} has also had a great impact on the spiritual wellbeing of GLBTI members as it has allowed both GLBTI and non-GLBTI to show their support for fixing equity issues within the community that GLBTI face e.g. workplace discrimination.

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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: Gays, lesbians, bisexuals, transgender, intersex communities.....

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

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Many legislations and policies have helped to address the issues of discrimination and harassment, employment, having families and more. The government policy and legislation ^{known} as the Sex Discrimination Act 2013 has ensured that members within the GLBTI community are allowed equal access to work ensuring Equal Employment opportunities and that acts of discrimination and harassment are not allowed. This has achieved equity as it has allowed members of the GLBTI to be

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treated fairly. The Assisted Reproductive Technology Act 2007 has
 ensured equity ~~as~~ by legalising ~~in~~ IVF and artificial insemination ~~in NSW~~,
^{in NSW} ~~of the~~ ^{of the} biotech technologies. ~~members who~~ ^{members} of the GLBTI can genetically obtain
 a child that they could not have had due to relationship orientation or
 other reasons. Legislations including the Relationships Register
 Act 2010 has ensured equity as members within GLBTI
 community can openly express their relationship without fear from
 the law as any relationship whether it being same sex attracted ^{or} ~~as~~
 neutral can be officially registered. Legislations are also constantly
 changing in recent times with the push to legalise same-sex marriage,
 as lobby groups and ~~as~~ political parties are pushing for a change
 to the Marriage Act 1961. This also ensures equity as members within
 the GLBTI are allowed to celebrate such an important achievement in a legal
 manner.

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