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**HIGHER SCHOOL CERTIFICATE  
EXAMINATION**

# Community and Family Studies

## General Instructions

- Reading time – 5 minutes
- Working time – 3 hours
- Write using black or blue pen
- Write your Centre Number and Student Number at the top of page 9

**Total marks – 100**

**Section I** Pages 2–13

**75 marks**

This section has three parts, Part A, Part B and Part C

Part A – 10 marks

- Attempt Questions 1–10
- Allow about 20 minutes for this part

Part B – 15 marks

- Attempt Questions 11–15
- Allow about 25 minutes for this part

Part C – 50 marks

- Attempt Questions 16–17
- Allow about 1 hour and 30 minutes for this part

**Section II** Page 14

**25 marks**

- Attempt ONE question from Questions 18–20
- Allow about 45 minutes for this section

**Section I**  
**75 marks**

**Part A – 10 marks**

**Attempt Questions 1–10**

**Allow about 20 minutes for this part**

Use the multiple-choice answer sheet.

Select the alternative A, B, C or D that best answers the question. Fill in the response oval completely.

**Sample:**  $2 + 4 =$  (A) 2 (B) 6 (C) 8 (D) 9  
A  B  C  D

If you think you have made a mistake, put a cross through the incorrect answer and fill in the new answer.

A  B  C  D

If you change your mind and have crossed out what you consider to be the correct answer, then indicate the correct answer by writing the word *correct* and drawing an arrow as follows.

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*correct* ↙

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- 1 Which of the following has the greatest effect on the employment opportunities for indigenous people?
- (A) Age and social networks
  - (B) Family responsibilities and lifestyle
  - (C) School to work programs and health
  - (D) Educational qualifications and community attitudes

Use the table to answer Questions 2 and 3.

<i>Migrant categories</i>	UNEMPLOYMENT RATE		
	<i>6 months after arrival</i>	<i>18 months after arrival</i>	<i>42 months after arrival</i>
Business Skills and Employer Nomination Scheme	2%	3%	2%
Independent	26%	9%	4%
Skilled – Australian sponsored	37%	18%	9%
Family	36%	19%	16%
Humanitarian	84%	49%	33%

- 2 Which migrant categories have similar success in finding employment within 18 months of arrival in Australia?
- (A) Skilled and Family
  - (B) Skilled and Humanitarian
  - (C) Independent and Family
  - (D) Independent and Humanitarian
- 3 What should have been the main ethical consideration when conducting this research?
- (A) Interview all migrants prior to arrival.
  - (B) Randomly select individuals from each migrant category.
  - (C) Respect the cultural background of the individual subjects.
  - (D) Ensure employers are surveyed to provide their views on the employment of migrants.

4 What are the main reasons for homelessness amongst women?

- (A) Poor education and drug dependency
- (B) Domestic violence and low income
- (C) Family breakdown and household debt
- (D) High housing costs and parental responsibilities

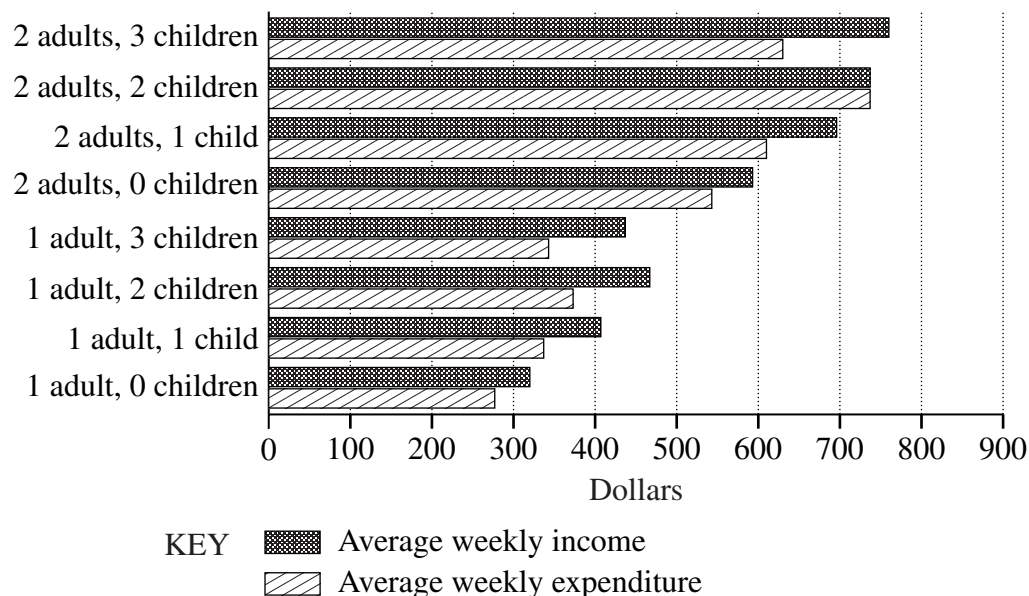
5 Sometimes I would go to the tearoom and they would be laughing and it would just stop when I came in. I know from one of the other staff there were rumours that I was a lesbian. I felt unsafe and lost confidence in myself. I didn't see it as discrimination but now I might.

Case study quote

Which of the following strategies is most likely to improve the long term security, safety and esteem needs of this person?

- (A) Leave the workplace and seek legal redress.
- (B) Take leave and seek medical treatment.
- (C) Make a formal complaint and seek a resolution through mediation.
- (D) Concentrate on work tasks and seek improvements in personal office security.

6 The graph shows average weekly income and expenditure for different types of households.



Which of the following statements is supported by the data in the graph?

- (A) The more children in the family, the greater is the household expenditure.
- (B) Household expenditure is greater with two children than with three children.
- (C) The cost of having a first child increases household expenditure by one-third.
- (D) The higher the income, the greater is the likelihood of three children being in the family.

**7** Which of the following best describes the overall aim of the NSW Government's 'Families First' initiative?

- (A) Preparing young couples for parenthood
- (B) Providing financial support for parents
- (C) Building links between parents and services
- (D) Assisting with the educational needs of children

**8** A student is conducting a research project about the effectiveness of local community support services for parents and carers in a town.

Which of the following methods would provide the most appropriate primary data for this project?

- (A) Randomly surveying households in the town
- (B) Examining statistics from local welfare agencies
- (C) Interviewing Community Health Centre workers
- (D) Interviewing all parents and carers who use support services

**9** Many women are choosing to have their first child in their late twenties.

Which of the following best accounts for this trend?

- (A) Age at which women marry
- (B) Participation rates in paid employment
- (C) Medical advances in reproduction technology
- (D) Changes in optimal physical health for child-bearing

**10** Current research shows a link between the prenatal care taken by mothers and the health of their babies.

Which of the following statements is most correct for the general population?

- (A) The consumption of alcohol during the first trimester of pregnancy will result in Foetal Alcohol Syndrome.
- (B) Medical supervision during pregnancy will ensure that babies are born without genetic abnormalities.
- (C) Optimal nutrition during pregnancy will ensure that babies are born within the average weight range.
- (D) Children born to mothers who smoked during their pregnancies will show growth retardation.

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## Section I (continued)

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**Part B – 15 marks**

**Attempt Questions 11–15**

**Allow about 25 minutes for this part**

Answer the questions in the spaces provided.

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### Question 11 (2 marks)

What is meant by the term ‘social definition’ when referring to community groups?

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### Question 12 (2 marks)

Outline how ONE community resource can provide support for rural families experiencing financial hardship.

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**Question 13** (3 marks)

It is claimed that in Australia sole parents are the largest group living in poverty.

Describe the primary and secondary sources of data you would use to test this claim in your local community.

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**Question 14** (4 marks)

A researcher is planning to conduct a survey to investigate the reasons people take on primary caring roles.

How would the researcher ensure that the survey data are reliable and without bias?

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**Question 15** (4 marks)

Lee is a seventeen-year-old caring for his mother who has a severe physical disability. Evaluate ONE strategy he may use to satisfy his social wellbeing.

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### Section I (continued)

#### Part C – 50 marks

#### Attempt Questions 16–17

Allow about 1 hour and 30 minutes for this part

Answer each question in a SEPARATE writing booklet. Extra writing booklets are available.

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In your answers you will be assessed on how well you:

- demonstrate an understanding of societal influences on wellbeing
  - apply the skills of critical thinking and analysis
  - illustrate your answer with relevant examples
  - present ideas in a clear and logical way
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	<b>Marks</b>
<b>Question 16 — Groups in Context (25 marks)</b>	
(a) Describe TWO factors that affect access to services for the socioeconomically disadvantaged.	<b>4</b>
(b) Compare TWO groups in terms of how their security and safety needs are met by housing.	<b>6</b>
(c) Analyse how government policy and community structures have influenced societal attitudes towards TWO groups within the community.	<b>15</b>

#### Question 17 — Parenting and Caring (25 marks)

(a) Outline the social changes a woman may experience after having her first child in her early forties.	<b>4</b>
(b) Describe how culture and religion influence parenting and caring relationships.	<b>6</b>
(c) Most parents learn as they go, influenced by the way they were brought up or by what they have read or watched others do. Parenting styles may be different but we all share a common goal.	<b>15</b>

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Analyse this statement in relation to parenting responsibilities.

**Please turn over**

## Section II

**25 marks**

**Attempt ONE question from Questions 18–20**

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	<b>Marks</b>
<b>Question 18 — Family and Societal Interactions (25 marks)</b>	
(a) Analyse the ways in which local communities provide a range of leisure and recreation facilities that contribute to the wellbeing of young people.	<b>10</b>
(b) Evaluate the role of government policy and legislation in addressing the issues arising from the ageing of the Australian population.	<b>15</b>

**OR**

<b>Question 19 — Social Impact of Technology (25 marks)</b>	
(a) Identify the ‘piece of technology’ selected as the focus of your case study.  Analyse the impact of this piece of technology on individuals, families and the community.	<b>10</b>
(b) Evaluate the roles and responsibilities of employers and employees in accessing and accepting technology in the workplace.	<b>15</b>

**OR**

<b>Question 20 — Individuals and Work (25 marks)</b>	
(a) Analyse the ways in which workplace regulations and entitlements support individuals in managing family responsibilities.	<b>10</b>
(b) Evaluate the impact that social, legal and technological change have had on current trends in patterns of work.	<b>15</b>

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