

2002 HIGHER SCHOOL CERTIFICATE EXAMINATION
Community and Family Studies

Section I (continued)

Part B – 15 marks

Attempt Questions 11–15

Allow about 25 minutes for this part

Answer the questions in the spaces provided.

Question 11 (2 marks)

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

Social definition refers to the perception the majority of society has upon different community groups. This perception may be negative or positive. For instance, Aborigine, and Torres Strait Islander people, social definition can be seen in many aspects, negatively, due to possible lack of access to services, education or employment.

Question 12 (2 marks)

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

One community resource can include financial contribution raised through charities and the government. Events such as Farmhand, raised millions of dollars to provide necessities such as clothes, food, income as rural families face hardship through droughts. Since rural families rely heavily on income through agriculture, money raised can help alleviate financial problems.

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.

Primary and secondary data involve two forms. Qualitative data refers to the responses generated and quantitative refers to a certain amount. Primary data such as interviews or questionnaires are reliable as they are directly from the sole parents. Secondary data can come in the form of statistics from the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) which are also reliable, on a nationwide scale.

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?

The researcher would need to conduct a survey that is fully reflective of primary carers. A large number of primary carers should be surveyed, as they have reliable aspects that deal with the survey. Primary carers could come in forms such as child care workers, parents. The qualitative and quantitative data would then need to be evaluated. The questions should be similar and by including more than one point of view, by surveying different primary carers, bias would be restricted and reliable at the same time. The researcher's own judgement should not be shown, just state the facts.

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.

Lee could use the assistance of extended family, such as relatives, to look after his mother. Through using other people's energy and resources, Lee is then able to satisfy his social well-being. Lee would be able to continue with activities that involve his friends or enjoy some leisure time. As he takes the responsibility of caring for his mother, his other areas such as friendships or school, can ~~release~~ be released through assistance from relatives, therefore decreasing his social burdens and increasing his social ~~satisfaction~~ wellbeing.