

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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take a piece of research and compare it to others
Sampling contributes to reliable and valid research because it takes a piece of information from one source and compares it to another source. This means that it contributes to ~~that~~ reliable and valid research because the source is being tested for how reliable it is.

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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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Strategies which could be used to ensure that individuals involved in a research study are shown respect and privacy include ethical research, bias and confidentiality.

Ethical research will ensure respect and privacy for individuals because if the researcher is ethical they won't give out the individuals thoughts on controversial topics therefore respecting their opinion and privacy.

~~Not~~ Not being bias is a strategy because it respects the individuals opinions. ~~and~~ Confidentiality is a strategy because being confidential and keeping responses private is essential in ~~the~~ respecting the individuals privacy. ~~and~~

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 affects first-time parents both positively and negatively. It affects the parents' ^{wellbeing} positively by giving the parents time off from being parents to relax, work and do household duties knowing that their child is in a safe supportive environment. ~~(10)~~ However it also ~~affects~~ ~~the~~ sometimes affects the parents wellbeing negatively because if they cannot afford to send their child to childcare it can put more stress on parents and lead to financial difficulties and ~~problems~~ emotional breakdowns.

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 said~~ A questionnaire as a research method for this topic is very well suited. By using a questionnaire the researcher can gather primary data from youth participants to see how the impact of social media affects them personally. ~~After~~ Both qualitative and quantitative data can come from this research method.

A case study is a ~~(a)~~ secondary research method for ~~finding out~~ ~~this topic~~ researching this topic. ~~It is not~~ while a case study would be helpful, a questionnaire would ~~provide better~~ be better suited to a research project on 'the impact of social media on youth'.

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 could make lots of helpful preparations to the home to ensure the wellbeing of his mother stays positive and happy. John could make preparations to all areas of the house to make it easier for his mother to get around. For example he could put an automatic chair attached to the stairs of the home so his mother could sit down to move up and down the stairs, therefore she is still independent and her wellbeing will go up. Another ~~the~~ preparation John could set up for his mother is a place in a support group ~~for~~ ^{with} other people that have also gone through a car crash. It will get her out of the house socialising and keep her wellbeing happy.

Question 25 (3 marks)

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

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The characteristics of people with disabilities depending on the disability may ~~not~~ be ~~intellectual~~ intellectual, therefore they don't think as clearly and may not know about what services there are that can help them.

Question 26 (4 marks)

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

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Informal support is when someone is volunteering to help the dependant and are usually related ~~to them~~ ^{to them} ~~formally~~. Informal support can help parents by giving them a break from parental responsibilities and give them time to relax plus get jobs done such as housework and help them return to the workforce by giving them the time to do so.

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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, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, intersex

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

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Attempts to improve community attitudes towards LGBTI people have improved the wellbeing of individuals in this group massively. People in the community today are more educated about this group by the media, schools and other educational institutions that they are more accepting of this group.

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Question 27 (continued)

There is less homophobia and more people (especially young people) that feel comfortable 'coming out' and expressing who they really are making them happier and having a good wellbeing which is important especially in young people.

End of Question 27

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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: Gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, intersex

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

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Government policy and legislation has not helped the ALBTI people within the wider community in Australia because they have not legalised same sex marriage therefore this group has not achieved full equity in the

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Question 28 (continued)

community. The government ~~have~~
~~forward~~ needs to legalise
same sex marriage because until
they do, LGBTI people won't
have full rights and equity that
heterosexual people have. Therefore
affecting their wellbeing.

End of Question 28