

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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Sampling refers to the process of selecting the sample method, group and size for research. It largely

contributes to the reliability and validity of research

because an appropriate sample method eg stratified

random sample allow for reliable and accurate research

which is reflective of the population of the sample

group, whereas if convenience sampling was chosen,

it does not allow for reliable research as it is not

reflective of the whole population. Furthermore, the sampling

group must suit the research question/hypothesis to allow

for reliable and valid research. Eg. research conducted

about children should have children/parents as their participants

(with their permission of course). Sample size also contributes

to reliable and valid research because a larger sample is more representative of the population, and therefore leads to more

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accurate/valid research

sampling
- group
- method
- size

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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-RIPB

Respect and privacy are important aspects / components of ethical behaviour in research. Respect must be shown to all participants during the research process. A researcher should inform ~~or~~ research participants if their research is on a sensitive topic, so that they are not offended by the ~~per~~ questions, etc. in the survey, etc. Also, a researcher should carefully plan the questions in a survey or interview so that they do not cause offence or distress to participants. The questions should not be inappropriate or offensive in any way to ensure that individuals are shown respect. The researcher should also respect the participants' opinions or answers during the research. Privacy is a paramount consideration during research as well because all individuals have the right for their responses / opinions to be kept confidential. A researcher can show privacy to individuals involved in research by using numbers or another way instead of names to conceal their identity ^{and} assuring the participant that their responses / information will not be revealed in any way. ~~by allowing them to see~~ ~~research~~ The researcher should ~~not~~ dispose of all participant surveys / etc. by shredding them and not revealing responses online, or to other people.

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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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Childcare services are a form of formal support that provides care to children usually under the age of five years. Access to childcare services affect the wellbeing of first time parent in several way. It allows parents to enhance their physical wellbeing by allowing them to spend time doing other things than minding children, as they are able to undertake hobbies or work whilst their children are at ~~at~~ childcare. Furthermore, childcare services enhances the emotional wellbeing of parents as they feel that childcare services support them and are of great assistance to them especially if the parents do not have access to informal services such as relatives. However, childcare services can be quite expensive, affecting first-time parents financially/economically, so parents may have to consider whether this form of support is of benefit to them, or whether it is more cost effective to use both ~~formal~~ childcare services and informal support from relatives, friends, neighbours etc.

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.

Social media plays a large role on youth impacting them in many ways & to a great extent. A questionnaire is a form of research method that obtains quantitative information, whereas a case study -also a research method, obtains qualitative research from a numerous amount of other research methods. If a student used a questionnaire to research the impact of social media on youth, they would only receive quantitative data which is good, however not enough for a detailed study. This method may also not be suitable as the student isn't present when people fill the questionnaire, therefore cannot answer any queries the respondent may have about particular questions. To an extent a questionnaire would be suitable, however it may not obtain an extensive amount of info required for this investigation. To a great extent a case study would be suitable for this topic as it is perfect for complex & detailed projects. A case study uses a variety of methods ensuring reliability & validity. With a case study we can see the impact of social media on youth as it is done over a long period of time, whereas a questionnaire is done in a matter of ten minutes. A case study looks at characteristics of youth as well as obtaining both qualitative & quantitative information, in this way the student can observe & gather results portraying the impact 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.

- organising finances
- changing health
- modifying environment
- informal

John should prepare his role as a ~~care~~ carer in several ways to ensure his mother's wellbeing. He should firstly organise finances by seeking help from government agencies such as Centrelink to see if his mother is eligible for a disability pension, which would assist in meeting economic needs to pay for bills, equipment or other items that his mother would need etc. John should also arrange for a physiotherapist or doctor visit to check on his mother's physical wellbeing because if her situation is becoming worse or not improving, it may create problems for John and his ability to care for her. In addition to ~~phys~~ meeting physical needs, John should ensure that equipment such as a wheelchair, crutches or rails are installed and available in the household, to ensure his mother's wellbeing. John could also seek advice from doctors or dieticians to ensure that his mother's nutritional/dietary needs are being met to prevent further ill health. In addition, John should seek support and advice from disability care services so that his mother can speak to or make friends with others who have sustained physical injury from car accidents or other reasons to enhance her emotional wellbeing. John should also seek respite care to allow himself a break from his caring role which will both enhance his and his mother's wellbeing.

- age
special needs**Question 25** (3 marks)

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

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People with disabilities come from any social background or cultural age and often disability increases/worsens with age. The age of the disabled person will affect their access to services because if the disabled is young they may ~~rely~~ ~~on~~ and has a physical disability, they may find transporting very ~~to~~ difficult as they have to rely on parents/carer. In addition, the type of disability that a person has will affect their ability to access services. Eg. A person with an intellectual disability may ~~not~~ ~~or~~ ~~some~~ ~~access~~ ~~at~~ ~~not~~ have difficulty speaking or asking for advice.

Question 26 (4 marks)

How can informal support assist parents to fulfil their parental responsibilities? *SPB* 4

Informal support are family members or friends and family. They can assist parents to fulfil their parental responsibilities by splitting the workload or allowing more time for parents to have with their child. By having family or friends to help with house work, this can allow parents to spend more time with child to build positive relationships with them by positive interactions eg. a hug or pat on back for encouragement. They can also ~~provide~~ ^{provide} specific needs for child as they can work while family and friends look after child. This will allow the parents to earn money to provide for the specific needs of the child. eg. food and education.

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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: Aged

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

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The aged are defined as being above the age of 65 years and according to ABS, the aged make up 15.1% of the Australian population (2011, ABS). Aged people have attempted to improve community attitudes through various ways. Often, the community views elderly people as being lazy or not of any use in society due to negative views, however the aged contribute actively in society by looking after grandchildren whilst their parents are at

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work, teaching and passing on their knowledge and skills ~~through~~ to younger generations and volunteering in the community. This has affected the aged group's wellbeing positively by making them feel worthwhile in the community as they often feel lonely and isolated from friends and family. In addition, volunteering at the Red Cross / Salvation Army or other support groups, have improved the social and physical wellbeing of the aged group as they make friends with other elderly people and improve their physical health by walking and participating in light physical activity. As a result, attempts to improve community attitudes have helped improve the overall ~~physical~~ and ~~also~~ wellbeing of people in the aged group.

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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: Youth.....

How have government policy and legislation helped the group to achieve equity within the wider community? 8

Youth allowance

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Government policy and legislation have helped youth achieve equity within the wider community in several ways. Youth are defined as being between the ages of 15-24 (UNESCO, 2014) and is a time that encompasses rapid physical growth and change. Government policy such as the Youth Allowance from Centrelink has allowed young people to

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achieve equity by allowing them to study full or part time whilst allowing them to receive financial assistance which has helped them achieve equity through financial means. Furthermore, government legislation including the Young ~~off~~ person (1997) NSW Act ~~to~~ prevent young people from the abuse of police power when being questioned by police about a crime etc, and allow them to have an responsible adult or guardian present during the questioning process. The Anti-Discrimination Act (1977) NSW also helps youth achieve equity in the wider community with regards to employment, as young people are often vulnerable to being taken advantage of due to their lack of experience and age. This legislation prevents / makes it illegal for employers to discriminate against young people at work in relation to age, gender, disability etc and often

End of Question 28

Therefore, government policy and legislation has greatly helped youth to achieve equity within ~~the~~ the wider community by protecting their rights.