

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?

The term 'social definition' is not necessarily the legal or 'dictionary' definition of a group, but the definition that society in general accepts to describe a particular community group.

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Question 12 (2 marks)

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

Centrelink, which is a government organisation, can assist rural families experiencing financial hardship by providing payments, such as family assistance, and pensions.

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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.

Primary data would include interviewing and surveying sole parents. To ensure that there is not area bias, questionnaires may need to be sent to different areas. Case studies could also be made. Secondary data would include statistics from the Australian Bureau of Statistics, and newspaper or magazine articles that relate to the socio-economic status of Australian sole parents.

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 have to survey different kinds of people, from different age groups, different genders, different religious and cultural backgrounds to ensure that they are not surveying one particular group of people.

The researcher could also survey carers who are either paid or volunteer to find reasons behind the different types of carers.

To ensure that the answers are not changed, due to the carer saying what they think is the right answer, the survey should be confidential and names need not be given.

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 access support services to find a respite carer, who could come in once a week, to allow Lee time to himself and to maintain his own social network of friends. By maintaining his social networks, he will be fulfilling his social needs, which, according to Maslow's Hierarchy of human needs, is the third level that needs to be achieved to bring him closer to experiencing wellbeing.