

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?

A social definition, when referring to community groups, is a definition recognised by the majority of society. It is easily understood and does not contain technical jargon, unlike legal or formal definitions. Eg a social definition for a homeless person would be "a person without a safe, permanent place to live".

Question 12 (2 marks)

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

A community resource could be the allocation of things such as financial assistance or the provision of food, clothing etc by an organisation such as the Red Cross. These provisions assist rural families in times of crisis or hardship.

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 sources of data could include things such as surveys, interviews, questionnaires or any other type of research undertaken first hand by the researcher, including case studies. Secondary sources of data may be gathered from reference books, existing statistics or any other information gathered from another source.

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 people randomly so as to gain accurate and reliable results without any bias. The questions asked should be open ended questions and not close ended so the person being surveyed is not influenced into writing their answer based on examples provided to them by the researcher. If the survey is repeated and the same results are gathered again and again, the data could be considered reliable. The researcher must then be careful to present the data in the correct way without alterations to prevent any chance of bias.

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 have the opportunity to arrange for other family members to care for his mother a few times a week when he is unable to. This way, there is still somebody with his mother that they both can trust and rely on and Lee can still enjoy being a teenager and having fun. If Lee was to ignore his social activities, his overall wellbeing may also suffer. His mother's wellbeing may also suffer if she believes her son is missing out as a result of caring for her.