

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?

The social definition of a group is ^{what} ~~how~~ a group is perceived to be by the community and society. Including traits and characteristics society attributes to that group. Often these definitions can contain stereotypes.

Question 12 (2 marks)

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

Drought Relief Fund is a community funded appeal raising funds to support farmers, who are the main population of rural areas. The funds though limited ~~at~~ help to provide farmers who are experiencing financial hardship ~~to~~ with basic needs like food and clothing that may be lacking.

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.

Secondary sources of data would include local as well as State government statistics (From the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS))
Primary would include interviews with and surveys of sole parents living within the local community.

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 survey questions would have to be closed and specific and remain the same for each survey candidate
- The sample would have to be large and random to ensure views from various groups within the community
- The researcher must ensure that ~~to~~ they are not discriminative in conducting research.
- The researcher must obey the law while obtaining the information.

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.

Asking for help or assistance from friends/family or utilising community organisations will allow for Lee to take a break from caring and to tend to his own social wellbeing. Respite care organisations can arrange for a carer to care for his mother for a while, so he can socialise with friends and peers and relax and relieve some of his responsibilities.