



PAPER 1: FAMILIES – MARXIST PERSPECTIVE

5 FACTS ABOUT THE MARXIST PERSPECTIVE ON FAMILIES

4 TRUE OR FALSE STATEMENTS

Marxists believe the family benefits all members equally.	
According to Zaretsky, families provide emotional support which helps workers cope with capitalism.	
The bourgeoisie are the working class.	
Families encourage consumerism which helps keep capitalism going.	

3 MULTIPLE CHOICE QUESTIONS

According to Marxists, who benefits the most from the family?	What did Zaretsky mean by the 'cult of private life'?	How do adverts affect families, according to Marxists?
a) Working class	a) Families are religious institutions	They persuade families to consume goods
b) Bourgeoisie	c) Families are led by private companies	b) They encourage saving instead of spending
c) Children	c) Families make people focus on personal life and ignore wider inequalities	c) They reduce consumer pressure
d) Everyone equally	d) Families promote education	d) They have no impact on families

2 SHORT ANSWER QUESTIONS

Explain how the family helps maintain capitalism according to Marxists.

What is meant by the term 'consumerism' in relation to the family?

1 CRITICISM OF THE MARXIST PERSPECTIVE ON FAMILIES