



PAPER 1: FAMILIES – FUNCTIONALIST PERSPECTIVE

5 FACTS ABOUT THE FUNCTIONALIST PERSPECTIVE ON FAMILIES

4 TRUE OR FALSE STATEMENTS

The New Right argue that cohabiting families are more stable than married families.	
They believe lone-parent families contribute to higher crime and poverty rates.	
The New Right supported policies like the Troubled Families Programme to promote stability.	
Feminists agree with the New Right that traditional gender roles are natural and beneficial.	

3 MULTIPLE CHOICE QUESTIONS

Which type of family do the New Right see as the 'cornerstone of society'?	What campaign in 1993 reflected New Right thinking on family policy?	What criticism is often made of the New Right view of single parents?
a) Single-parent family	a) Every Child Matters	a) They exaggerate the decline of the nuclear family
b) Cohabiting family	b) Back to Basics	b) They ignore the role of poverty in family breakdown
c) Nuclear family	c) Troubled Families Programme	c) They stereotype single parents as welfare dependent
d) Extended family	d) Marriage Act	d) All of the above

2 SHORT ANSWER QUESTIONS

Explain why the New Right are critical of the welfare state.

How do feminists criticise the New Right's view of gender roles and family life?

1 CRITICISM OF THE NEW RIGHT PERSPECTIVE ON FAMILIES