



KENYATTA UNIVERSITY

UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS 2020/2021

FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF ARTS

(PSYCHOLOGY)

APS 420: FAMILY PSYCHOLOGY

DATE: THURSDAY, 20TH MAY, 2021

TIME: .11.00 A.M. - 1.00 P.M.

INSTRUCTIONS: ANSWER QUESTION ONE AND ANY OTHER TWO.

Question 1

- a) Explain any four functions of a family. (4 marks)
- b) How different is a psychologist definition of family from a sociologist? (4 marks)
- c) Explain what makes family therapists unique from other therapists. (4 marks)
- d) Explain any four characteristics of effective communication in a functional family. (4 marks)
- e) Describe the three dimensions of couple and family functioning. (6 marks)
- f) Explain four factors considered by young people in mate selection. (8 marks)

Question 2

Using examples, discuss the five stages of family life cycle development. (20 marks)

Question 3

- a) Using examples discuss five factors that may lead to singleness. (15 marks)
- b) Identify five challenges experienced by children growing up in a single family. (5 marks)

Question 4

- a) Identify any two styles of parenting. (2 marks)
- b) Discuss three ways in which each of the following influences parenting:
 - i) Parent characteristics (6 marks)
 - ii) Child characteristics and (6 marks)
 - iii) Contextual factors (6 marks)

Question 5

Critically analyze five challenges likely to be experienced by family members in a step family setting, giving an example for each. (20 marks)
