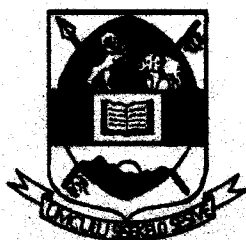


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FINAL EXAMINATION PAPER

**PROGRAMMES : BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN
CONSUMER SCIENCE AND
CONSUMER SCIENCE EDUCATION
YEAR IV**

COURSE CODE : FRHD 403

**TITLE OF PAPER : CONTEMPORARY ISSUES IN THE
FAMILY**

TIME ALLOWED : TWO (2) HOURS

**INSTRUCTIONS : ANSWER QUESTION ONE (1) AND
ANY OTHER TWO (2) QUESTIONS**

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QUESTION 1 (COMPULSORY)

It has been said that the traditional family form is no longer the norm, but that there are other emerging family types that society is often ill-equipped to deal with. Identify an emerging type of family in Swaziland. Discuss this type of family under the following topics:

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| (a) Prevalence | (3 Marks) |
| (b) Problems caused by the emergence of this family type and family | (5 Marks) |
| (c) Family members most affected | (8 Marks) |
| (d) Functions of the family that are most affected | (8 Marks) |
| (e) Factors that have led to the emergence of this family form? | (8 Marks) |
| (f) Effects on society | (5 Marks) |
| (g) Possible policy/programmatic solution | (3 Marks) |

[TOTAL MARKS = 40]

QUESTION 2

Case studies are in effect, a sampling method. Define the following types of case studies and explain how you would use them to sample for a research study on "Blended families":

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| (a) Typical case study | (6 Marks) |
| (b) Homogenous case study | (6 Marks) |
| (c) Heterogeneous case study | (6 Marks) |
| (d) Snowballing case study | (6 Marks) |
| (e) Critical case study | (6 Marks) |

[TOTAL MARKS =30]

QUESTION 3

"The very strengths and contributions of qualitative methods can conversely be weaknesses if used badly for superficial analysis".

- (a) Identify and explain any five (5) of such strengths (10 Marks)**
- (b) List and explain their potential weaknesses (10 Marks)**
- (c) Discuss how you would guard against the potential weaknesses when conducting research in family/human development issues. (10 Marks)**

[TOTAL MARKS = 30]

QUESTION 4

Write short notes on the following:

- (a) Requirements and variable consequences of a civil rites marriage. (15 Marks)**
- (b) Functions of the family (5 Marks)**
- (c) The need for gender analysis when conducting research in contemporary family issues. (10 Marks)**

[TOTAL MARKS =30]