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**UNIVERSITY OF SWAZILAND**  
**SUPPLEMENTARY 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:

- (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 each the following types of case studies and explain how you would use them to sample for a research study on "Blended families"

- (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]



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**QUESTION 3**

“The very strengths and contributions of qualitative methods can conversely be weaknesses if they are 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]**