

Section A

Answer Question 1.

- 1 The length of time a person may expect to live is known as life expectancy. As death rates have fallen worldwide, life expectancy has increased. One reason for this increase in life expectancy is that fewer deaths occur in infants and the young because health and sanitation have improved. These developments have had a major impact on *fertility rates*. Other factors, such as war, famine and migration can also affect the amount of time an individual may expect to live.

Changes in life expectancy influence the structure of families and households. There are many different structures, varying from nuclear and extended families to lone parent families and single person households. Different structures are not the only type of diversity in families. Relationships within families are also changing in many societies and can take many different forms.

- (a) Define the term *fertility rate*. [2]
- (b) Describe **two** ways in which relationships within families are changing. [4]
- (c) Explain why there has been an increase in single person households. [8]
- (d) Assess the view that increased life expectancy is the most significant factor influencing family structure. [11]

Section B

Answer **either** Question 2 **or** Question 3.

- 2 'The nuclear family will always be the dominant family structure because it fits the needs of modern industrial society.' Explain and assess this view. [25]
- 3 Explain and assess the value of feminist theories in understanding the position of females in families. [25]

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