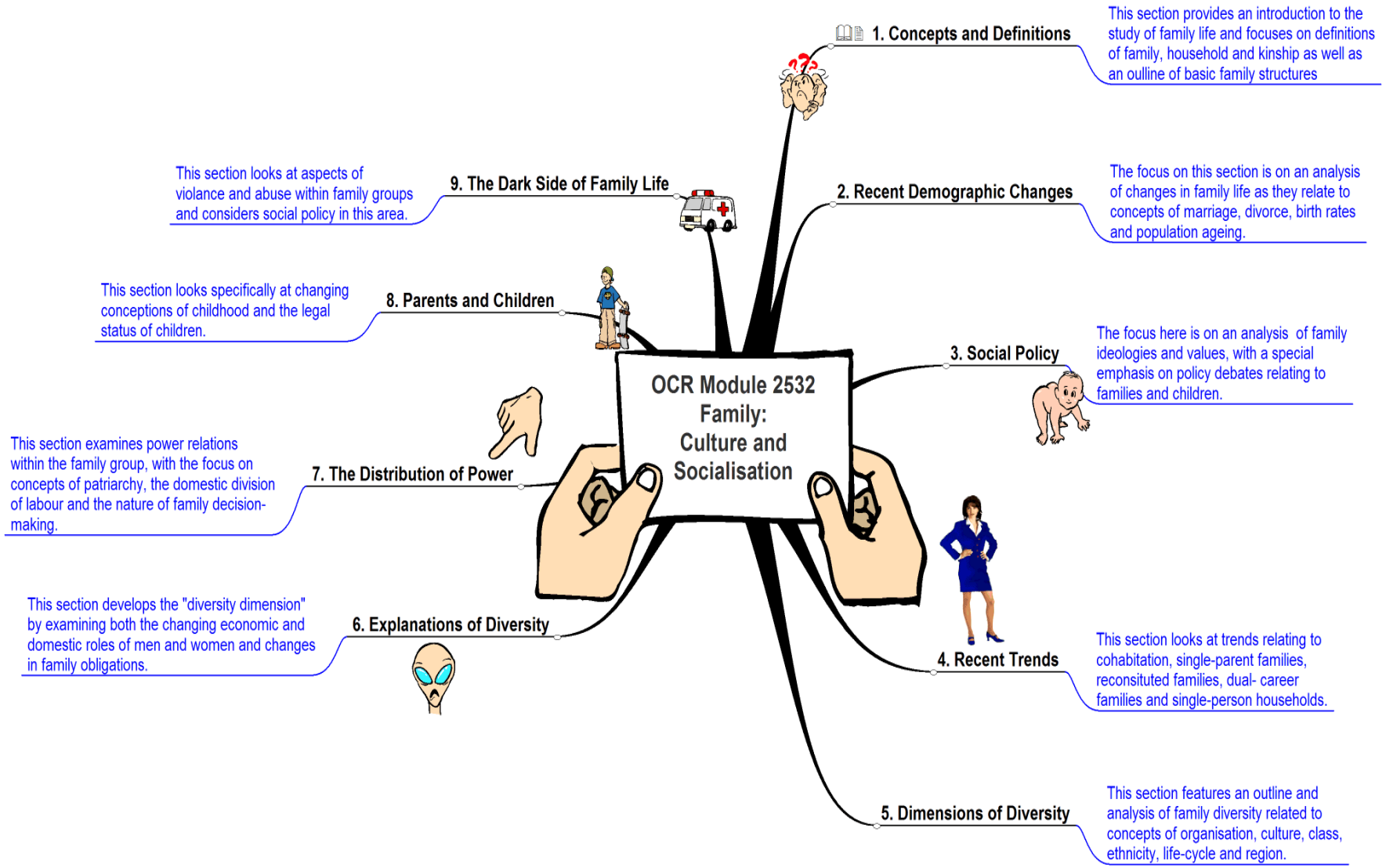
OCR Module 2532
Family:
Culture and
Socialisation
1. Concepts and Definitions
This section provides an introduction to the study of family life and focuses on definitions of family, household and kinship as well as an oulline of basic family structures
2. Recent Demographic Changes
The focus on this section is on an analysis of changes in family life as they relate to concepts of marriage, divorce, birth rates and population ageing.
3. Social Policy
The focus here is on an analysis of family ideologies and values, with a special emphasis on policy debates relating to families and children.
4. Recent Trends
This section looks at trends relating to cohabitation, single-parent families, reconsituted families, dual- career families and single-person households.
5. Dimensions of Diversity
This section features an outline and analysis of family diversity related to concepts of organisation, culture, class, ethnicity, life-cycle and region.
6. Explanations of Diversity
This section develops the "diversity dimension" by examining both the changing economic and domestic roles of men and women and changes in family obligations.
7. The Distribution of Power
This section examines power relations within the family group, with the focus on concepts of patriarchy, the domestic division of labour and the nature of family decision-making.
8. Parents and Children
This section looks specifically at changing conceptions of childhood and the legal status of children.
9. The Dark Side of Family Life
This section looks at aspects of violance and abuse within family groups and considers social policy in this area.