

**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 outline 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, reconstituted 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.

9. The Dark Side of Family Life

This section looks at aspects of violence and abuse within family groups and considers social policy in this area.

8. Parents and Children

This section looks specifically at changing conceptions of childhood and the legal status of children.

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.

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.