NATURE OF FAMILIES

Theme A Relationships & Families

1. 1. Which of the following means a couple and their children?

[1 mark]

- A) bigamy B) extended family C) n
 - C) nuclear family D) polygamy
- 2. Give two roles a parent should play in a family.

[2 marks]

Provider of stability/ provider of care/ comforter/ educator/ educator of faith/ love/ model relationships

3. Explain two religious beliefs about polygamy.

[4 marks]

It is sinful> it is adultery

It goes against God's plan> "the man will be united to his wife and become one flesh" Some religions permit it, e.g. Islam a man is allowed to marry four wives

4. Explain two religious beliefs about a child's role in the family.

[5 marks]

Respect their elders> "honour your father and mother"

Be obedient to their parents> "Listen to your father who gave you life and do not despise your mother when she is old" Proverbs 23:22 "Children obey your parents in everything, for this pleases the Lord." Colossians 3:20-21

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5. 'Same-sex parents cannot teach religious traditions to their children.'

[12 marks]

Some agree:

They are going against their religious traditions in *being* same-sex parents, therefore they will be hypocritical in trying to teach about it

The Bible says that homosexual sex is a sin – how can they teach that the Bible is God's word and should be obeyed? "do not lie with a man as..."

The Catholic church teaches that it is sinful – how can they teach their child to follow the church's teaching?

Jews teach that a child must have parents of two genders to be role models

Some disagree:

Part of tradition is how it changes with time. Same-sex parents can be instrumental at demonstrating and teaching this

Just because people are homosexual, this doesn't mean they are lacking, or any more sinful than heterosexual parents "all have sinned and fall short..."

therefore they are just as able to teach about religious traditions

Reform Jews and liberal Christians would have no problem with it