



Worksheet 8: Mini-conclusions

Look at the following question and part-response. The first analytical point has a mini-conclusion for the second paragraph.

- 1 Evaluate the view that family life is harmful for some members.

Feminist views of the family argue that family life is harmful for women because they think that the family, workplace and politics are all patriarchal and men try to dominate females which might lead to violence. This might also be harmful to other members of the family. Feminists, particularly radical feminists, argue that a family is harmful for its members.

Since feminist theories are conflict theories, they see the family as being part of a social system that is based on conflict. Patriarchy, for feminists, is a system of female oppression and the family is a key institution in this oppression. This means the family is harmful to female members as it is part of their oppression in society.

Now write a mini-conclusion for the next analytical point by following the same structure as the mini-conclusion above.

The functionalist view of the family would look at how the family supports and helps its members. The family provides economic and emotional support. The family provides socialisation of children to ensure they learn the norms and values of society and this enables them to be functional citizens. The family also provides stabilisation of adult personalities meaning that adults have an appropriate sexual relationship and emotional support.