



**Home Economics  
Leaving Certificate  
Higher Level**

**Past Exam Questions on  
Marriage and Family Law**

### Q5 Section B 2013

5. The family is an important setting in which health-related behaviours and attitudes are shaped.
- (a) Explain the following sociological terms:
- culture
  - norms
  - values
  - role. (12)
- (b) Discuss the social, economic and technological changes that affect families in Ireland today. (24)
- (c) Comment on the protection afforded to children under current Irish family law. Refer to two acts. (14)

### Q5 Section B 2009

5. Marriage is an important social institution because it is central to the family system. It confers certain rights and responsibilities on partners.
- (a) Identify and elaborate on the rights and responsibilities of a couple within a marriage relationship. (20)
- (b) Discuss the benefits of pre-marriage courses for couples preparing for marriage. (18)
- (c) Explain how Irish family law protects the rights of family members in the event of marriage breakdown. (12)

**Q5 Section B 2006**

5. *According to the Irish Constitution (Article 41) the State recognises the family as the natural, primary and fundamental unit group of society.*

**(The Irish Constitution)**

- (a) Identify and describe **three** types of modern family structures in today's society. (18)
- (b) Discuss the effects of (i) social changes **and** (ii) economic changes on modern family structures. (24)
- (c) Set out the conditions required for granting a divorce under the Family Law (Divorce) Act 1996. (8)