



# Family Values in Pakistan

ENGLISH – Part I

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# Chapter Questions

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- What are family values?
- Why are family values important?
- Based on the family values, how elderly are treated?
- Does society and religion have a role in creating family values?
- Why family is a **bond**—“**bond of relationships**”?





# What are *'Family Values'*?

- “Principles and beliefs that guide family life and relationships”
- Examples: Love, respect, support, traditions.





# Text (Para 1-4)

## Unit 1

## FAMILY VALUES IN PAKISTAN

### Pre-Reading

- What is the concept of a family?
- Identify some family values.

In Pakistan, family is a “bond of relationships”, which strengthens the relationships of a family. Family members love and respect each other without any expectations.

The tenets of Islam further strengthens this bond. The existing family ties, based on selflessness, are well watered by the injunctions of Islam. According to Islam, we must look after our parents, especially in their old age, when they are gone perish minded. It can be said that universal teachings of our religion are the essential part of our family values.

### While-reading

Why is family taken as a “bond of relationship”?

People in Pakistan mostly follow the joint family system and live their lives with their parents. They give much respect to their customs and traditions and pay due attention to family values. The value of a strong family system has played an important role in influencing an individual's way of living, social role, choice of profession and decision-making. A strong family unit creates a safe, positive and supportive place for all members to thrive in. They are able to utilize resources and live together in a fairly healthy manner.

Each member of a Pakistani family has respect for the elder family members. The grandparents form a central beacon in a traditional Pakistani family. They are treated with reverence and hold an authoritative place. They work together with other elder family members to solve problems and pass their skills and experiences to the next generation. They are good “role models” and are looked upon as the primary source of guidance. Accordingly, they are provided with care and support from their family members.

The male members of the family are generally considered to be the guardians of the family and play a significant role for the well-being of their family. The major decisions, in the family, are taken by them and their words go unquestioned. Their dream is to support their family members and work for their social and financial well-being. When all the male members work together and contribute equally to the family, the financial burden is minimized and the elements of jealousy and evil also remain under control. The family members are able to prosper and thrive





# Core Family Values in Pakistan

- Respect for elders
- Hospitality
- Religious beliefs
- Love and care for children





# Why family values are important?



- Keep family bonded.
- Provide guidance in difficult times.
- Teach discipline and responsibility.
- Give physical and emotional support.



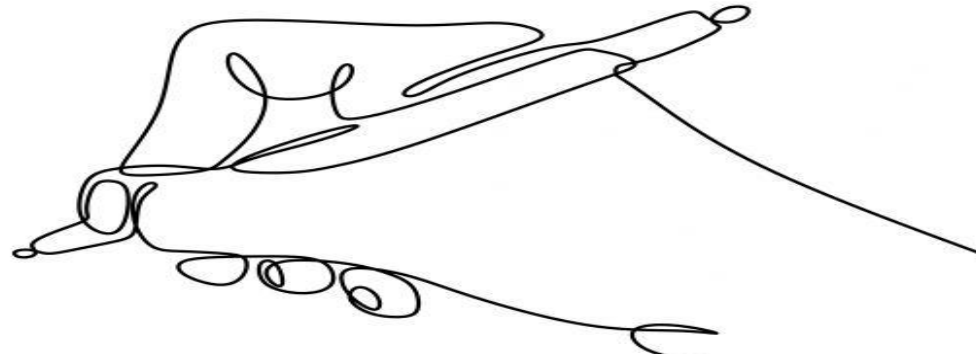




# Activity

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1. “List **3 values** your family follows.”



2. Why family lack values in modern world?