



Family Values in Pakistan

ENGLISH – Part 2

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Chapter Questions

1. Discuss family as a **bond of relationships**.
2. Explain why **elderly members** are respected?
3. How joint **families help children grow** positively?
4. How are **children nurtured** in traditional families?
5. How is **physical & emotional support** a strength?
6. **Who** can play positive role in keeping **values intact**?



Roles in the Family

Male members—Guardians, decision makers, providers.

Female members—Household responsibilities, support.

Elders—teach religion, values, customs.

Children—gifts from Allah, learners, carriers of traditions.





Text (Para 4-5)

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 together.

In joint family units all the family members live together and share joys and sorrows with each other. The elders, in the family, set the tone by reaching out to their friends and community and teach their children the importance of doing the same. All the female members of the family handle jointly the household responsibilities and support each other in the household chores. As children spend most of their time under their custody, the entire grooming of children is also done by them. Women consider their family as their entire world and jointly fulfill their family needs and wants.

While-reading

Who is the guardian of a family?



Text (Para 6-9)

At the same time, the families in Pakistan never fail to look at children in the family as "gifts from Allah (سبحانه و تعالیٰ)". All the elder family members are responsible for teaching the children the basic beliefs of religion. Family values, customs and traditions are also transferred to children by their elders and they are also taught to respect and honour their elders. The children watch their parents taking care of their grandparents and also make well-thought-out decisions over the years. This role guides the children to be supportive and good decision-makers. Among the children of strong families, the moral and emotional problems are lesser. They tend to go on to have strong, healthy families of their own, having learned examples from their elders.

While-reading

How do children make well-thought-out decisions?

Our family values look to us dreamlike and we thank Allah (سبحانه و تعالیٰ), for we are tied into a cohesive whole of the family system. Sometimes, poverty and other problems happen to overshadow some of our family units, but, with the role of the state and education of the people, we can easily avert these dangers. Nevertheless, such bitter phenomena are rarely found.

Tersely, in Pakistan, people absorb the traditional and cultural family values and they demonstrate respect and regard to their elders. People's main objective is "living together, growing together and surviving together". Here, giving physical and emotional support is quite usual in a joint family system. This leads to a happy, healthy and prospering family which benefits the society as a whole. It is said that one good family builds a good community, then all good communities build a good society and at the end all good societies jointly make a successful nation.



Objective of Pakistani Families

- “Living together, growing together, surviving together.”
- Physical + emotional support happy & healthy families.
- Strong families build good society strong nation.





Why family values are important?



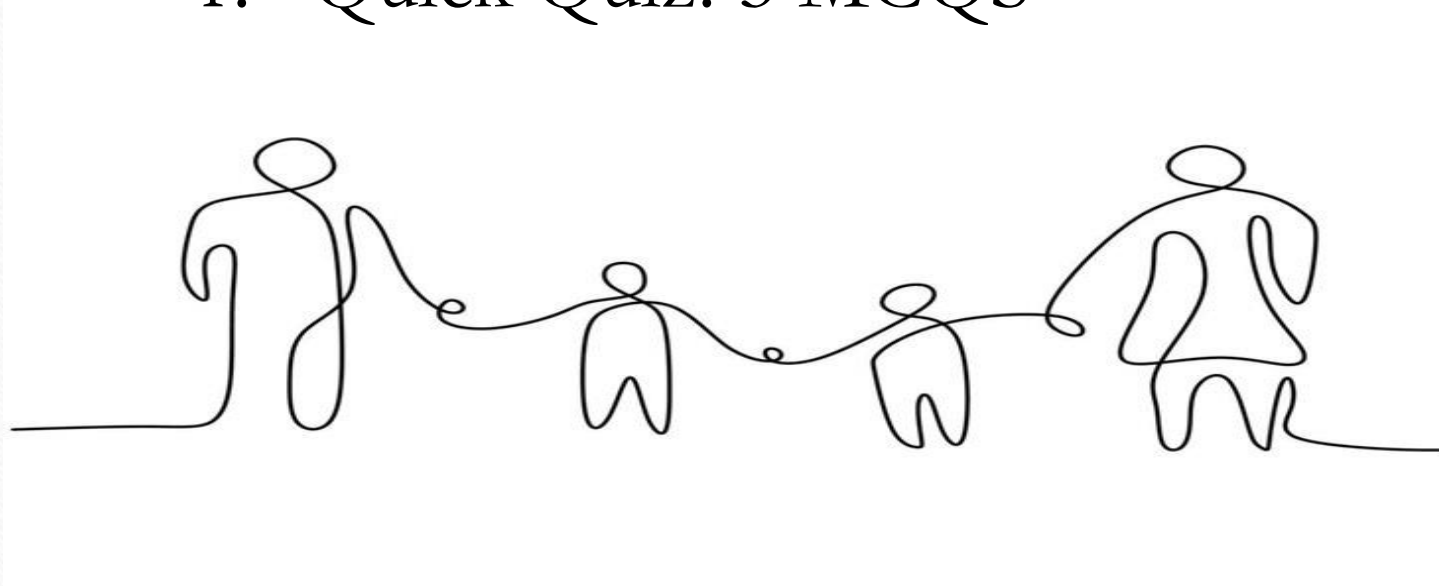
- Keep family bonded.
- Provide guidance in difficult times.
- Teach discipline and responsibility.
- Give physical and emotional support.





Activity

1. “Quick Quiz: 5 MCQS



2. Share happiest moment with grandparents.