

## NUCLEAR FAMILY

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The individual nuclear family is a universal social phenomenon. Dictionary of Sociology has defined nuclear family as 'A small group composed of husband and wife and immature children which constitutes a unit apart from the rest of the community'. In simple words a nuclear family is one which consists of the husband wife and their unmarried children. Soon after marriage, the children leave their parental home and establish their separate household. Hence a nuclear family is an autonomous unit free from the control of the elders.

Advantages of Nuclear family:

- 1) Development of Personality  
Nuclear family plays an important role in the development of personality of individuals. Children are more close to the parents and can have more free and frank discussion about their problems with parents which helps for better personality.
- 2) Better Condition of Women:
- 3) Less number of children
- 4) Peace and Harmony.
- 5) Individual responsibilities:
- 6) Problem free unit.

## Disadvantages

- 1) Economic disadvantage
- 2) Insecurity of Children
- 3) Agency to develop bad Qualities of Inmates
- 4) Loneliness
- 5) Insecure for old, widow and Divorcee

Thus a nuclear family is mostly independent. Modern family is a typical example of nuclear family.