

Question 3 (6 marks)

Name ONE theory of social change ..... functionalists theory.

With reference to a country you have studied, evaluate how your chosen theory of social change helps you to understand ONE feature of continuity and ONE feature of change within that country.

In Japan for many ~~long~~ years the family was ~~male~~ patriarchal hierarchy where men and the elderly ~~dominated~~ demanded respect and had all control. Functionalists believe this continuity was essential to Japan as it maintained stability and order throughout the country which was necessary ~~at~~ the time.

However when it was no longer necessary a change occurred where women ~~became~~ gain more power and the elderly and males lost most of this power. After this change occurred Japan returned to maintaining stability and order amongst the country.

The Functionalist theory has helped me to understand that continuity is necessary as it maintains stability and order but change can occur if needed. After the change has occurred the continuity returns. Change is just a slight tremor which ~~is~~ is fast and continuity follows.