



Families and Household

Paper 2 – Gender roles
and Relationships

Key Issues

- What is the purpose of the family? What benefits does it provide for society and its members? (Functionalism/Marxism/Feminism/Postmodernism)
- Is the family equal? Are the power relationships between partners equal? Is there a march of progress towards equality?
- Is childhood socially constructed? Does it vary from society to society? Is childhood disappearing?
- What changes have there been to the family structure over the past 50 years? Is there such a thing as a typical family?
- How can governments influence family structures? Why would government prefer the nuclear family over others? Can the government influence gender equality?
- How has globalisation influenced the family? What demographic changes have led to changes in our society? What are the benefits and costs of greater migration and ageing populations?

The Big Question: Evaluate the view that gender roles and relationships are becoming more equal (20)



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Power Relationships

Define power relationships

Explain how has power in a relationship and why?

Identify ways in
which family
relationships are
unequal

Define what is
meant by
power
relationships



Find three pieces of research into decision making in the family.

Outline research
into decision
making

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Outline the following research:

Identify different forms of domestic violence

Dobash and Dobash

Wilkinson

Outline research into domestic violence

Evaluate the following ideas using the research.

Evaluate the impacts of these views

Research	Evaluation
Dobash and Dobash	
Wilkinson	
Edgell	
Pahl and Vogler	
Hardill	