

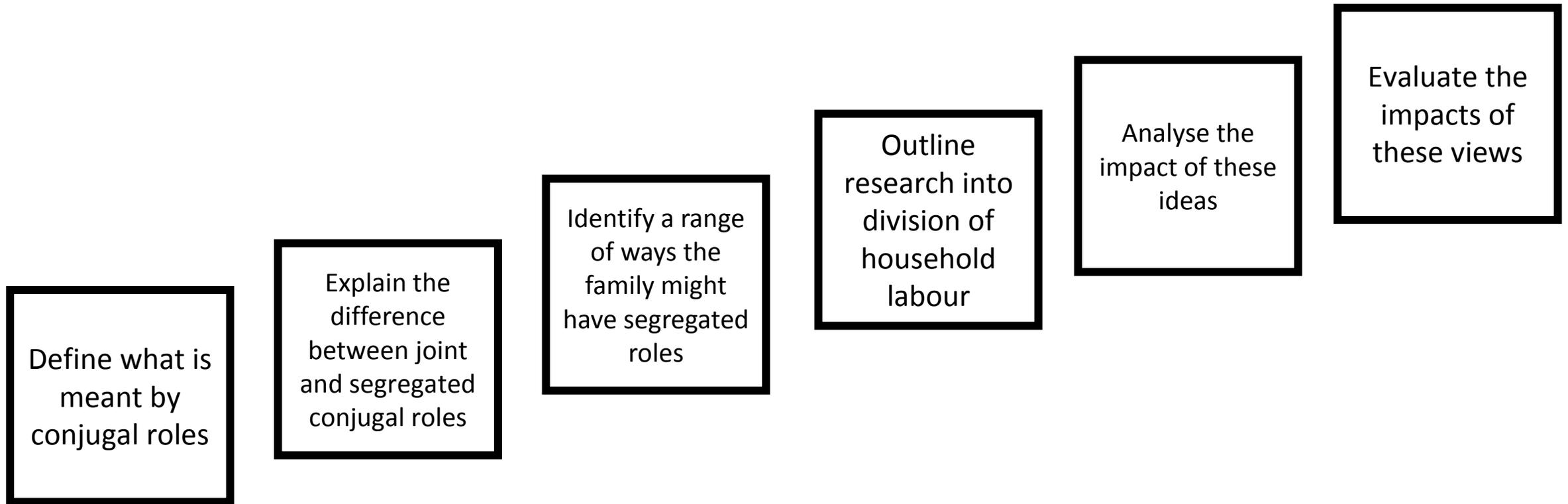
Families and Household

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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What are conjugal roles?

Define what is meant by conjugal roles

Explain the difference between joint and segregated conjugal roles

Conjugal Roles are...

Joint Conjugal Roles	Segregated Conjugal Roles

Who performs which task in the household?

Identify a range of ways the family might have segregated roles

Task	Performed by	Task	Performed by
Laundry		Washing Dishes	
Vacuuming		Cooking	
Primary Caregiver		Emotional Support	
Ironing		Gardening	
Cleaning Car		Cleaning bathroom	
Walking pets		Paying household bills	

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Parson's Biological Division of
Labour

Dunne (1999)

Oakley (1974)

March of Progress Wilmott and
Young

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Delphy and Leonard

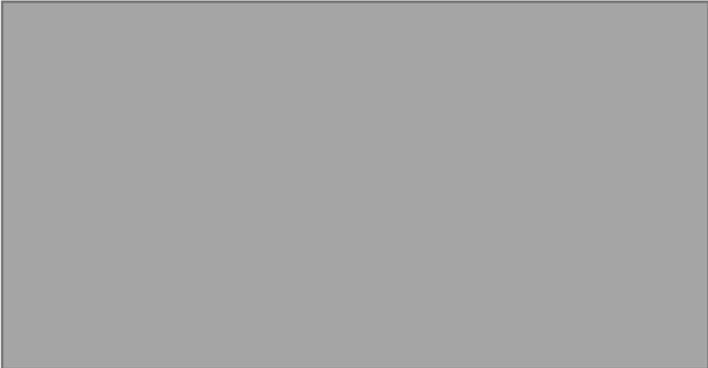
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Ferri and Smith

Pahl and Vogler

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Organise research on previous pages into whether they support or oppose greater family equality

Analyse the impact of these ideas

Yes gender roles are more equal	No, they remain unequal	There has been a change but...

Evaluate using research the claim gender roles are more equal

Evaluate the impacts of these views

I am doing more than my dad used to do...

I am still doing most of the work in the house, as well as having a job and having to pick up the kids

