

Chapter 4 Families and Households

Topic 1 Couples

Answers to QuickCheck Questions on page 177

1. The instrumental role is the breadwinner role. The expressive role involves primary socialisation of the children and meeting the family's emotional needs.

2. Any two of the following:

- The roles of husbands and wives are similar: women go out to work, while men help with housework and childcare.
- Couples spend leisure time together instead of separately with workmates or female relatives.
- It is more common among: younger couples/those who are geographically and socially isolated/the more affluent.

3. Cultural.

4. Because they earn more.

5. Because some same-sex couples attach no importance to who controls the money and are happy to leave this to their partners. They do not see the control of money as meaning either equality or inequality in the relationship.

6. Domestic violence is far too widespread to be the behaviour of a few disturbed individuals. It does not occur randomly but follows particular social patterns with social causes.

7. Any two of the following: those in the lowest social classes; those living in the most deprived areas; those on low incomes or in financial difficulties; those living in shared and rented accommodation; those with high levels of alcohol consumption or using illegal drugs; those with a long term illness or disability; men.