3.3 Conjugal Roles and the Domestic Division of Labour: 10-minute Pack

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Total Marks

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Answer ALL questions. Show your understanding by using sociological vocabulary and, where asked, your own examples.

1 For each situation below, state whether it is more likely to increase or reduce equality in conjugal roles.

(a) Both partners work full time in similarly paid jobs. **(1)**

(b) Only one partner can work flexibly or from home, while the other must always attend a fixed workplace. **(1)**

(c) The couple can afford a washing machine, dishwasher and pre-prepared meals. **(1)**

(Total for Question 1 is 3 marks)

2 State one strength of using time-use diaries, like Gershuny's, to study conjugal roles.

(Total for Question 2 is 2 marks)

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3 Define the term 'domestic division of labour'.

(Total for Question 3 is 2 marks)

4 Explain one way government policy, other than shared parental leave, could support more equal conjugal roles.

(Total for Question 4 is 2 marks)

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Question 1

(a) increase **B1**

(a) Answer: Increase

(b) reduce **B1**

(b) Answer: Reduce

(c) increase **B1**

(c) Answer: Increase

Question 2

identifies a genuine strength, e.g. diaries record what people actually did during the day, rather than relying only on memory or general impressions **B1**

brief development, e.g. this can give a more accurate, detailed picture of how time is really divided between partners **B1**

Answer: Time-use diaries record what people actually did during the day rather than relying on memory or general impressions, giving a more accurate, detailed picture of how time is divided between partners.

Question 3

identifies how unpaid household tasks, such as housework and childcare, are divided between partners (oe) **B1**

development, e.g. this can be divided equally (joint) or unequally (segregated) between partners **B1**

Answer: The domestic division of labour is how unpaid household tasks, such as housework and childcare, are divided between partners, either equally (joint) or unequally (segregated).

Question 4

identifies a genuine relevant policy, e.g. affordable or subsidised childcare, making it more possible for both partners to work full time **B1**

brief development, e.g. this can reduce the pressure for one partner to reduce paid work and take on most unpaid domestic work by default **B1**

Answer: Affordable, subsidised childcare makes it more possible for both partners to work full time, reducing the pressure for one partner to reduce paid work and take on most unpaid domestic work by default.

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