3.3-2 Conjugal Roles and the Domestic Division of Labour (Set 2): Test 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 Which term describes conjugal roles where a couple shares housework, childcare and leisure time roughly equally?

- ☐ A) Segregated conjugal roles
- ☐ B) Joint conjugal roles
- ☐ C) Ascribed conjugal roles
- ☐ D) Extended conjugal roles

(Total for Question 1 is 1 mark)

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2 State one criticism that has been made of Young and Willmott's research on the symmetrical family.

(Total for Question 2 is 2 marks)

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3 Explain one way patterns of paid work outside the home can make equal conjugal roles harder to achieve.

(Total for Question 3 is 2 marks)

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4 Define the sociological term 'conjugal roles'.

(Total for Question 4 is 2 marks)

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5 In 1973, Michael Young and Peter Willmott argued that family life in Britain had become increasingly 'symmetrical'.

(a) Explain the main claim of Young and Willmott's 'symmetrical family' thesis. **(2)**

(b) Give one reason Young and Willmott suggested for this change. **(2)**

(Total for Question 5 is 4 marks)

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Question 1

B (joint conjugal roles) **B1**

Answer: B

Question 2

identifies a recognised criticism, e.g. their research relied on people's own reports of who did what, which could overstate husbands' real participation **B1**

brief development, e.g. or that occasionally helping with one task might have been counted as 'sharing', overstating real equality **B1**

Answer: Their research relied on self-reported answers, which could overstate husbands' real participation, since occasionally helping with one task might be counted as 'sharing'.

Question 3

identifies a genuine relevant pattern, e.g. a gender pay gap meaning women often earn less than men on average **B1**

brief development, e.g. this can make it seem more financially sensible for the lower earner (often the woman) to reduce their paid hours and take on more domestic work **B1**

Answer: A gender pay gap, with women often earning less on average, can make it seem more financially sensible for the lower earner to reduce paid hours and take on more domestic work.

Question 4

the roles/tasks carried out by each partner within a marriage or relationship (oe) **B1**

development, e.g. including housework, childcare, paid work and leisure activities **B1**

Answer: The roles and tasks carried out by each partner within a couple relationship, including housework, childcare, paid work and leisure.

Question 5

(a) identifies that Young and Willmott argued conjugal roles had become more joint/equal over time **B1**

(a) development, e.g. husbands and wives increasingly shared housework, childcare and home-centred leisure, rather than living separate, segregated lives **B1**

(a) Answer: Young and Willmott argued conjugal roles had become more joint and equal over time, with husbands and wives increasingly sharing housework, childcare and home-centred leisure.

(b) a correct reason, e.g. more married women taking paid work outside the home **B1**

(b) development, e.g. or new technology/labour-saving devices reducing the time needed for housework, or families becoming more home-centred/privatised after moving away from close-knit communities **B1**

(b) Answer: More married women taking paid work outside the home, which Young and Willmott linked to husbands taking on a greater share of housework and childcare.

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