

## The notions of gender

Examine the perceptions of gender that defines men and women to understand how public views have shaped their lives.

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### Student Answer

1) SAQ

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[Passage 1] According to the writer, how the expectation of the society differs for man and woman in paragraph 7? Use your own words as far as possible. [3]

**Instruction****Answer**

-- none --

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6) SAQ

[Passage 2] With reference to Paragraph 1, explain the changes that lead to the change in gender norms. Use your own words as far as possible. [2]

**Instruction****Answer**

-- none --

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7) SAQ

[Passage 2] With reference to Paragraph 2, explain how 'the erstwhile esteemed notion of the gentlemen has never been so urgently nudged away'. Use your own words as far as possible. [2]

**Instruction****Answer**

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8) SAQ

[Passage 2] In paragraphs 2-3, given the changes to gender norms and the status quo, what are possible problems we can observe. Use your own words as far as possible. [3]

**Instruction**

**Answer**

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9) SAQ

[Passage 2] With reference to Paragraph 4, explain the frictions that man will face in establishing their role in the modern society. Use your own words as far as possible. [1]

**Instruction**

**Answer**

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10) SAQ

[Passage 2] In the concluding paragraph, how should the society approach the issue of gender? [2]

**Instruction**

**Answer**

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**Tutor Answer**

1) SAQ

[Passage 1] According to the author, in Paragraph 1, what are the implications when 'gender is embedded in our society'? Use your own words as far as possible. [2]

**Instruction**

**Answer**

From the Passage:

Gender is embedded so extensively in our institutions, our actions, our beliefs, and our desires, that it appears to us to be completely natural.

Paraphrased Answer:

When the idea of gender is entrenched so deeply in all aspects of our society, it becomes part of our life that we accept all ideas about gender as common thinking of our society.

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2) SAQ

[Passage 1] With reference to Paragraph 2, explain how we end up with a “biological recipe” for woman to be the primary caretakers of children. Use your own words as far as possible. [1]

**Instruction**

**Answer**

From the Passage:

Couple this with the unremarkable view that women are also gentler and nurturing than men...

Paraphrased Answer:

As the biological differences between men and women determines the features of men and women, this has led to the formation of this biased view that women are gentler and more nurturing than men is widely/commonly accepted. Consequently, they will be seen to better caretakers between the two sexes.

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3) SAQ

[Passage 1] In Paragraph 3, what does the author imply when he says that “anatomy is destiny”? [2]

**Instruction**

**Answer**

From the Passage:

A belief in a strong biological basis for differences between women and men implies, then, that there is little we can or should do to change these differences.

Paraphrased Answer:

The author is implying that if we believe that there is biological difference between man and woman, it is inevitable for us to set a definite role for man and woman in our society.

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4) SAQ

[Passage 1] With reference to Paragraph 4, explain how male and female infants are interpreted and interacted differently at infancy. Use your own words as far as possible. [2]

**Instruction**

**Answer**

From the Passage:

It was found that adults watching a film of a crying infant were more likely to hear the cry as expressing frustration if they believed the infant was a boy, and as plaintive or expressing insecurity if they believed

the infant was a girl.

In a similar experiment, adults judged a 24-hour-old baby as bigger if they believed it to be a boy, and finer-featured if they believed it to be a girl

Paraphrased Answer:

The adults treat the cry of male infants as their anger over a matter while the cry of a female infant is seen as their call for protection. Similarly, adults also see that the male baby to bigger in size as compared to a female baby.

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5) SAQ

[Passage 1] According to the writer, how the expectation of the society differs for man and woman in paragraph 7? Use your own words as far as possible. [3]

**Instruction**

**Answer**

From the Passage:

A woman's time is traditionally controlled by the continual needs of other people.

The tasks that men traditionally do in the middle-class domestic sphere, on the other hand, are cyclical. Taking out the trash, tending the yard, doing repairs – these are things that can be scheduled in advance, to fit around the rest of one's activities.

Paraphrased Answer:

Woman are expected to fulfil the needs of others and are not able to control the tasks while man has control over their tasks and can expect their tasks to be routine and can plan for their tasks.

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6) SAQ

[Passage 2] With reference to Paragraph 1, explain the changes that lead to the change in gender norms. Use your own words as far as possible. [2]

**Instruction**

**Answer**

From the Passage:

But with the increasingly high cost of living, such an arrangement no longer sufficed.

Over time, and since women started joining the workforce, they have climbed the ladder of success, studying and training in well-paid roles with high responsibilities, such as doctors and lawyers.

In turn, this led to greater visibility of women at the workplace.

Paraphrased Answer:

The higher cost of living in the modern society will force woman to work to help in the family financially. Furthermore, they have proved themselves to be accomplished and competent in areas of work, making it

normal to see women at work.

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### 7) SAQ

[Passage 2] With reference to Paragraph 2, explain how 'the erstwhile esteemed notion of the gentlemen has never been so urgently nudged away'. Use your own words as far as possible.

[2]

#### **Instruction**

#### **Answer**

From the Passage:

More importantly, men are becoming a part of this cultural revolution. Many men are freshly reflecting on their own and their colleagues' behaviour and starting conversations about the abuse of power and privilege, the socialisation of men and boys, the objectification of women and a culture of toxic masculinity.

Paraphrased Answer:

Due to cultural changes, the egoistic status of man are slowly diminish as many men are reviewing their behaviours and discuss in relation to other men in areas about the exploitation of power and rights in the society and how they interact as boys and men, their perception of woman and the biased view of man.

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### 8) SAQ

[Passage 2] In paragraphs 2-3, given the changes to gender norms and the status quo, what are possible problems we can observe. Use your own words as far as possible. [3]

#### **Instruction**

#### **Answer**

From the Passage:

Invariably, through these changes, the erstwhile esteemed notion of the gentlemen has never been so urgently nudged away.

...men are seen to have been left behind in a way that will have negative repercussions for everyone...it is easy to scoff at the very idea of them being — woefully — at a disadvantage. But the fact remains that, in some crucial areas, they are.

...will have widespread ramifications, not just for men in the workplace, but for relationships between men and women as well.

Paraphrased Answer:

The problems that will occur as a result of the changes in gender norms and status quo can be seen from how men would lose the respect they enjoyed. There is also the problem that the development of men will be worse than women and thus, this creates a severe impact on society.

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### **Instruction**

### **Answer**

From the Passage:

To be a male adult is to be ambivalent: on the one hand, they are encouraged to look like pumped-up superheroes, because for girls today, nothing less than a Dwayne Johnson lookalike will do. On the other, they must be kind and sensitive.

Paraphrased Answer:

It is confusing to be men as they need to live up to different expectations where they need to be masculine and at the same time, need to be soft and nice in their behaviour.

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## 10) SAQ

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### **Instruction**

### **Answer**

From the Passage

How then do we get out of this predicament: Do we ask more complex questions and brace ourselves for the answers that we cannot handle? While we no longer accept anatomical differences as the justification for gender inequality, the path to social progress is one we should tread carefully.

Answer:

The author suggests that we should not set difficult question we can not solve to complicate matters and be cautionary on this matter as try to eradicate the biological beliefs that account for gender inequality.

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