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Which of the following is a reason why most Americans have a greater tolerance of those who are not married as compared to half a century ago?

Women's economic dependence on men has decreased.

Women's wages, on average, are lower than men's wages.

Job prospects for young men without college educations have increased.

Most people need to pool their labor and earnings with a spouse in order to subsist.

_____ is defined as the increasing flow of goods and services, money, migrants, and information across the nations of the world.

Offshoring

Urbanization

Outsourcing

Globalization

_____ individualism can best be described as a style of life that emphasizes the development of one's feelings and emotional satisfaction.

Objective

Utilitarian

Expressive

Emotional

_____ is defined as the principle that inequalities related to one social identity often overlap with inequalities in other identities.

Gentrification

Intersectionality

Marginalization

Amenability

The _____ can be described as the tendency to obtain public goods by allowing others to do the work of producing them.

boundary problem

externality problem

utilitarian problem

free-rider problem

The key challenge of the private family is

the accountability problem.

the free-rider problem.

the primary earner problem.

the boundary ambiguity.

Which of the following groups would *not* fit the definition of a public family?

a gay man caring for a partner with AIDS

a childless married couple with no dependents

a lesbian couple jointly raising a child born to one of them

a divorced parent and her children

Sociologists generally do not use experiments to prove or disprove relationships between two factors since _____ is seldom possible.

hypothesizing

data collection

observation

randomization

A social institution emphasizes

the history of the family as a social institution.

the social status of a family in society.

the rules, roles, and relationships in families.

the economic influences on the family.

Those most likely to view marriage as a socially constructed institution organized to maintain male dominance most likely subscribe to the principles of

feminist theory.

conflict theory.

the postmodern perspective.

exchange theory.

The interpretation of a stepfather's actions toward their children when they misbehave represents their social role in the family. This behavior can effectively be analyzed using the

postmodern perspective.

exchange perspective.

symbolic interaction perspective.

queer theory perspective.

To conduct _____ studies, researchers may join the group they are interested in studying and live with them for a period of time.

quasi-experimental

experimental

random-sample

observational

From a(n) _____, people are viewed as rational beings who decide whether to trade goods or services by considering the benefits they will receive, the costs they will incur, and the benefits they might receive if they choose an alternative course of action.

exchange perspective

functionalist perspective

symbolic interactionist perspective

postmodern perspective

Most people have used the _____ perspective in thinking about families throughout most of history.

optimist

functionalist

private

public

A gay person caring for an HIV-positive partner is fulfilling a function of the _____.

private family

alternative family

public family

diversity defenders

Gender, the characteristics distinguishing men and women from each other, is thought to originate from _____ accepted rules, according to feminist theorists.

biologically

culturally

scientifically

naturally

A state in which family members are unsure of who is and who is not in the family is referred to as

assigned kinship.

created kinship.

boundary ambiguity.

a public family.

Anzstat PLC is a landscaping solutions company. The organization has built and maintained a park for its employees to relax. The park is also used free of cost by members of the public who are not employed by the company. In doing this, Anzstat has produced a(n)

negative externality.

positive externality.

random externality.

assigned externality.

_____ is a style of life that emphasizes self-reliance and personal achievement, especially in one's work life.

Utilitarian individualism

Expressive individualism

Axiological individualism

Semantic individualism

Which of the following statements regarding marriage is true?

The practical significance of marriage has increased over the years.

Getting married is seen as a personal achievement in America.

Marriage is no longer seen as a mark of distinction in America.

Getting married is still viewed as a social norm by most Americans.

One disadvantage of survey research on the family is the limited information that can be gathered.

true

false

Reflexivity is the process where individuals take in knowledge, think carefully about it, and alter their behavior as a result of it.

true

false

There are strong similarities between American families and families in other Western nations.

true

false

Research evidence demonstrates that our biological makeup creates predispositions toward some behaviors and away from others, especially with respect to gender behaviors.

true

false

According to the postmodern perspective, the late modern era is characterized by constrained choices and lives similar to those of our grandparents.

true

false

Negative externalities occur when an individual or a business produces something that benefits others at a cost to itself.

true

false

Globalization has eroded the ability of highly educated young adults to form long-term family bonds.

true

false

The breadwinner-homemaker family consisted of a married couple and their children and was prevalent in the mid-twentieth century.

true

false

The adherents of symbolic interaction theory see the world as a place where people rarely create and sustain meaning because doing so involves more costs than benefits.

true

false

Postmodern perspective advocates and feminist perspective advocates would argue that no social scientist can conduct completely objective research. Why is this so?

Explain how some positive externalities involve the production of what are called public goods.

Why is the definition of family important in social, legal, and economic terms?

Using knowledge gained from reading Cherlin, list the costs and benefits for a woman, a man, and a one-year-old child in a family where both adults work full time outside the home. In making such a list, what theoretical perspective in sociology would you be using?

Name the major methods that sociologists use to study families. Describe one of these methods.

How does voluntary kinship differ from assigned kinship? Give a concrete, realistic example of each.

How are children a "public good" in the economic use of the phrase?

How would a survey of 10 parents in your neighborhood differ from a random survey of parents all over the United States?

What are the disadvantages of using surveys to collect data on U.S. families?

Explain the current Social Security system in the United States in terms of the free-rider problem.

How do attractive and acceptable alternatives to marriage, such as lifelong singlehood or cohabitation, change the importance of marriage within our culture?

Explain the connection between American individualism and the increasing tolerance of progressive views of marriage and the family.

Choose one of the following topics and outline the steps needed to analyze this topic scientifically: Age at first marriage and the chances of divorce Teenage drinking and driving Effects of divorce on children's achievement in school Link between child abuse and violent adult behavior Effect of family structure on childhood achievement Religion and duration of marriage Class and age at first marriage Educational level and income

An adult child who takes care of older parents—shopping and cooking for them, taking them to the doctor, and so on—is an example of _____.

boundary ambiguity

a private good

a public good

voluntary kinship

While the public family is about caretaking and dependency, the private family is about _____.

commitment and intimacy

image and the media

short-term sexual relationships

negative externalities

The postmodern theorists believe that the rise of _____ is a key characteristic of what they call the late modern era.

reflexive change

assigned kinship

positive externalities

intersectionality

Looking through the lens of the private family means to examine the family's provisions of intimacy, love, and fulfillment.

the contributions of families to the public welfare.

caretaking and dependency.

raising workers and citizens of the future.

Which of the following is an advantage of the survey method?

Its results are representative not only of the sample that was interviewed but also of the larger population in the area.

A large amount of information can be gathered on each person or family.

Most people are likely to allow a researcher to interview them even if the interview takes around two hours or more.

Each person is asked a different set of questions, thus providing an opportunity to tailor the interview to each participant.

Chang, a musician, does not have any blood relatives and is an avowed bachelor. They like to spend their free time with a group of fellow musicians, whom they can depend on in any situation. Their relationships with their fellow musicians are examples of

voluntary kinship.

assigned kinship.

attributed kinship.

contrived kinship.

Which of the following is true of the feminist perspective in sociology?

It focuses on the domination of women by men.

It focuses on the central concept of family.

It asserts that gender differences are natural.

It asserts that caregiving is overvalued.

In the United States, the movement of manufacturing jobs overseas has made it easier for high school-educated young adults to find decent jobs.

true

false

Expressive individualism is a style of life that emphasizes developing one's feelings and emotional satisfaction.

true

false

Men, on average, may be predisposed to value sex in the context of relationships and commitment more than women, whereas women may be predisposed to value sex outside of relationships and to behave aggressively more than men.

true

false

The essence of the scientific method is to formulate a hypothesis that can be tested by collecting and analyzing data.

true

false

How does the exchange perspective of the family differ from that of the postmodern viewpoint?

In the context of the exchange perspective, on average, which person in an exchange is able to receive greater benefits and incur fewer costs?

Explain boundary ambiguity and how it relates to cohabiting stepfamilies.

Answer Key

Test name: CH1 Public and Private Families E9

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