*Describing Family Relationships*

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**1. Family**

**Relationship**

**Description**

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Parsons (1955)

Division of labour and conjugal roles.

Conjugal

Roles

The roles of men and women in relationships.

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Bott (1957)

Separated

Conjugal

Roles

This refers to a relationship where there are clear

differences between the responsibilities of men and

women.

Children &

Childhood

The experience of

Young & Wilmott

(1973)

childhood varies from

generation to generation

and as society changes so

the relationship between

adults & children. Peoples

experience of childhood

will be different according

to geography, gender,

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Chester (1985)

Boulton (1983)

Joint

When there is little difference in the roles, activities

of men and women, and interests are shared

Conjugal

Roles

Warde &

Instrumental Refers to aspects of family life that are based on

Hetherington (1993)

Roles

practical needs such as shopping, cooking and

cleaning.

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Man Yee Kan (2001)

Gershuny (1994)

Sullivan (2000)

ethnicity and social class.

Expressive

Roles

Refers to aspects of family life that are based on the

emotional needs and ties.

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Grandparents

It is important to

understand the impact of

growing aging

Crompton (1997)

Ferri & Smith (1996)

Lagged

Adaption

As the roles of women have changed, men have had

to change too. This is usually a delayed

reaction as men lag behind women.

population has on

society and how this

influences family

relationships &

Duncome & Marsden

(1995)

Domestic

abuse

Any incident or pattern of incidents of controlling,

coercive, threatening behaviour, violence or abuse

between those aged 16 or over who are, or have

been, intimate partners or family members

regardless of gender or sexuality. The abuse can be

psychological, physical, sexual, financial and

emotional

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Hochschild (1983)

structures.

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Morgan (1997)

Hillman (2007)

Grandparents & the aging population

Conjugal

Roles

As family structures and

forms have changed so

have relationships within

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Hastings (1997)

Bryan (2011)

Sandwich

This is where adults have not only responsibilities for

their own children but also for the older generations.

couples. It is importance to 

Generation

Tranter (1996)

McKeown (1972)

understand the division of

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Social

How people define concepts and social rules. As

domestic labour, decision

construction they are socially constructed they can change over

time and vary from place to place.

making and emotion work

alongside explaining

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The Griffiths Report

(1988)

reasons why conjugal roles 

Hirsch (2005)

Childhood

The state or period of being a child.

have changed.

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Parsons (1950)

Children & Childhood

Child-centred The modern family is said to be child centred in

contrast to the ‘children should be seen but not

heard attitude’ of the past.

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James & Prout (1997)

Postman (1994)