

HSP3M Test Review: Families 1

Types Of Canadian Families:

- **Nuclear** – one or two parents plus unmarried children
- **Extended** – relatives living with nuclear family
- **Childless** – no kids
- **Single Parent** – parent with one or more kids
- **Blended** – children from previous marriages are present
- **Common Law** – unmarried couple with or without kids
- **Alternative** – gay couple with or without kids
- **Foster** – child lives with family but is not formally adopted
- **Adoptive** – children living in adoptive situations

Families Throughout Time:

- **Hunter-Gatherers** – 10 to 12 people; men hunted women foraged (Aboriginals)
- **Agricultural** – 5000yrs; men worked fields, women looked after household
- **Industrial** – 200yrs; men take best paying jobs, women take what's left or work at home
- **Post Industrial** – women more involved in workforce, earn only 70% of what men earn

Functions Of The Family:

- **Legal** – framework for our legal system
- **Economic** – basic economic unit; usually provides for needs of members
- **Emotional** – place for love, nurturing, building self-esteem
- **Social** – place for teaching and passing on aspects of culture

History Of The Family:

- “Family” - Latin meaning “household”
- Pass on physical, social, and psychological information
- Most families **paternalistic** (father led) until recently
- Today, traditional family is a smaller part of the social make-up

Statistics:

- Males marry at 25.6yrs; 94% are working or in school
- Females marry at 24.2yrs; 88% are working or in school
- 93% of men and 85% of women continue working or going to school
- Family started 3.2yrs after marriage; have an average of 1.8 kids (3.1 during Baby Boom)

Reasons For Decline In Birth Rate:

- ◆ Economic demands
- ◆ Lifestyle choice
- ◆ Better contraceptives
- ◆ Women are older when marrying which reduces prime birthing yrs
- ◆ Women want to re-enter careers after birth

Age 40s:

- Family home established; teens may be rebellious; most divorces take place in 30-40yrs

Age 50s:

- Teens become young adults, some return to live with parents for economic reasons
- Oreo Generation – 50yr olds looking after parents and children

Age 60s:

- Retirement (avg age = 61); may move to a smaller place or vacation

Age 70s:

- Death – 74.2yrs (men), 78.6yrs (women)
- Men, women are waiting longer to get married/have kids (career/educational goals)
- Divorce rates 30-40%
- Single Parents – 22% (female), 12.5% (male) of family population