

Chapter 1

Defining the Family: Institutional and Disciplinary Concerns

1.1 True/False Questions

1) The text states that the family consists of one female legally married to one male.

Answer: FALSE

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2) Using a relational definition, cohabiters or same-sex partners can be defined as families.

Answer: TRUE

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3) The definition of family proposed by Jan Trost includes any system of dyads or set of dyads, including those who cohabit, siblings, friends, or even pets.

Answer: TRUE

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4) Institutionalized behavior within the family system refers to any behavior that occurs in families.

Answer: FALSE

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5) Cohabitation is becoming institutionalized in the United States.

Answer: TRUE

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6) Societies (including Sweden) in which traditional family patterns are not strong demonstrate a high level of negative outcomes for children.

Answer: FALSE

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7) Sweden has been described as having one of the highest literacy rates and lowest infant mortality rates in the world.

Answer: TRUE

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8) In sociological analysis, the basic units of a marital or family system are interrelated statuses rather than persons.

Answer: TRUE

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9) Family scholars agree that families are inherently places of loyalty, love, and affection.

Answer: FALSE