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In the traditional marriage, the man worked at a job to earn money for the family. Most men worked in an office, a factory, or some other place away from the home. Since the man earned the money, he paid the bills. The money was used for food, clothes, a house, and other family needs. The man made most of the decisions. He was the boss. In the traditional marriage, the woman seldom worked away from the house. She stayed at home to care for the children and her husband. She cooked the meals, cleaned house, washed the clothes, and did other household work. Her job at home was very important. In recent years, many couples continue to have a traditional relationship of this kind. The man has a job and earns the money for the family. The woman stays at home and cares for the children and the house. Many Americans are happy with this kind of marriage. But some other Americans have a different impression of marriage and family responsibilities. There are two important differences in male and female roles now. One is that both men and women have many more choices. They may choose to marry or to stay single. They may choose to work or stay at home. Both men and women may choose roles that are comfortable for them. A second difference in male and female roles is that within marriage many decisions and responsibilities are shared. The husband and wife may choose to have children, or they may not. If they have children, the man may

take care of them some of the time, all of the time, or not at all. The woman may want to stay at home and take care of the children. Or she may want to go to work. Men and women now decide these things together in a marriage. Many married people now share these decisions and the responsibilities of their families.

6. Which of the following is NOT true in the traditional marriage? (A) Men worked at a job to earn money for the family. (B) The woman made most of decisions. (C) The woman stayed at home to care for the children. (D) The man paid the bills.

7. In recent years _____. (A) young couples reject the traditional relationship (B) the woman has a job and earns the money for the family (C) the woman doesnt stay at home and care for the children and the house (D) the role of men and women has begun to change

8. Men and women play now choose all the following EXCEPT to _____. (A) marry or to stay single (B) work or to stay at home (C) have the roles that are comfortable for them (D) leave their jobs just because they have children

9. The following are all now true EXCEPT _____. (A) they may choose to have children or not (B) the man may take care of the children some of the time (C) the woman may want to go to work (D) the woman is the most important person in the house

10. Which of the following is NOT true? (A) The man was the boss in the traditional marriage. (B) The womans job at home was very important in the past. (C) Many Americans still have a traditional marriage. (D) Everyone tries to get married.

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