**Study Guide Chapter 13: Families**

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1. What percentage of young adults in America may be living with their parents? What are the average ages of marriage for men and women? What percentage of us marries at least once?

2. What historical and sociocultural factors have caused changes in the family?

3. What significant beliefs about the purpose of marriage changed in America in the 1960s? What other belief and value changes have changed marriage?

4. According to Erikson, what is intimacy, and what happens if you don’t establish it?

5. Is relationship uniqueness (virginity) valued the same in all cultures? What are we most interested in for a potential marriage partner in the U.S.? Is love defined the same here and in other cultures?

6. In 2000, what percentage of couples in the U.S. was cohabiting? What are some of the disadvantages of cohabitation? What does it change? What are its effects on later marriage? About how long do cohabiting relationships last?

7. According to Sternberg, what are the elements of love and what is consummate vs. companionate love? Which element may be the most important in getting a couple through the hard times?

8. You should be able to recognize those mythical images of marital bliss as false. What effect do unrealistic expectations have on a marriage?

9. What are the two greatest problems with the dual-earner marriage? For whom are they the most pronounced? What is marital inequity and what are its effects?

10. What are some negatives of being a latchkey child? In what three areas may small children suffer from not enough home time? What did the Ivy League survey show about women choosing motherhood over career?

11. What are the symptoms or consequences of divorce? Do most women regret seeking them?

12. What does the term *feminization of poverty* mean? What are the complaints of custodial and non-custodial parents?

13. What do most divorced adults have trouble doing with regard to other people? You should be able to recognize the descriptions of Heatherington’s categories.

14. Do divorced people usually remarry? How quickly? For what reasons?

15. What happens if you decide to stay married even though you are having problems?

16. About how long do most unhappy marriages last? What might happen if the partners stayed together for another five years? Are older adults generally happily married?

17. Do more men or women report being happily married? What has an impact on women’s mental health, and when are they most dissatisfied?

18. In one study of women ages 42-50, what was being happily married related to?

19. What is the statistical picture of changes in parenthood in North America? How does social class affect parenting?

20. What is the picture of never-married single parents?

21. What is unintended childlessness?

22. You should be able to recognize the myths of parenting as false.

23. What are 4 categories of child maltreatment? What is the most common offender profile?

24. What are the consequences of maltreatment?

25. According to research, what is the most important factor in preventing people from repeating the cycle of abuse?

26. What are some grandparents on the non-custodial side of a divorce having to do to maintain a relationship with their grandchildren?

27. What is a skipped-generation family? How well do children fare in these?

28. What are some of the lasting effects of divorce on children? What roles are they sometimes asked to play? How does it affect their sense of who they are?