

Question 1 (6 marks)

- (a) Identify an aspect of a gender role and how it has changed over time.

Men were traditionally expected to be the "bread winners" of the household. However, with women now well into the work scene, more families are receiving dual incomes and the pressure for the man to provide for his family has been reduced.

- (b) Evaluate the impact of society's expectations of gender on your own personal experience.

Society expects young women to enter a field which is feminine - such as teaching, nursing or cooking. Sometimes even doctors and lawyers are acceptable; hairdressing even more so. However, my choice of an occupation is carpentry and I have continually been lambasted by my parents and peers for choosing such a "manly" job. Until real equality is achieved in society, society will never accept a woman carpenter. Neither will my parents.