

Family, Consumer, and Human Development
Comprehensive Doctoral Exam Guide Major
in Family Relations
Study Menu

Topic Areas	Contextual Factors	Theories
Cohabitation	Ethnic/race	Social Exchange
Mate Selection	Gender	Biopsychosocial
Marital Quality	Sexual orientation	Systems
Divorce	Class	Ecological
Stepfamilies	Family configuration	Feminist theories
Work-Family Issues		
Parent-Child Issues		

You will use a topic area, a contextual factor, and a theory in illustrating your ability to be current, to integrate, and to show a thorough understanding of marriage and family relations in regard to the following parts of the question. The exam question will give a menu of three each of the content areas, contextual factors, and family theories from which you may choose. Each of the four sections of the exam is worth 25% of the evaluation.

You will be asked to:

- A. Give current statistics about the incidence and direction of trends in your topic area
- B. Employ the contextual factor as it relates to the topic.
- C. Outline the major assumptions and define the key concepts of the theory you have selected.
- D. Apply the theory that you have selected to the content area. Discuss the major strengths and limitations of the theory for this topic.