

Question 1 (6 marks)

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

Women's role in society both in the workplace, society and at home have changed over time. In the 1950's women had certain defined roles both in the workplace, home and sporting fields.

The 1960's brought the women's liberation movement and new role models eg, Dawn Fraser. The 1970's introduced anti-discrimination laws against women, the 1980's still had more men in managerial positions but more women in sport and the 1990's have brought more equality in gender.

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

In my own personal experience in the micro world, society's expectations on gender have changed through time. With hearing stories from parents and grandparents a woman's role was nurturing of children and housework whilst men in the home were breadwinners. With the increase in divorce, through my own personal experience also, women now become the sole income earners in many families as also because of the decline in the number of children per family. Society's expectations on gender seem to be a more push towards equality evident in the media and it is evident observing many jobs including both sexes once largely occupied by one gender,