

## I. Read the article and answer the questions below.

### GENDER ROLES

*Whose job is it to take out the trash?*

1. Have you ever heard of the terms *pink jobs* and *blue jobs*? It wasn't long ago when men and women held **traditional** roles at home and in the workplace. Women were the **primary** caregivers and **homemakers** and men were the sole **breadwinners**. Wars and women's rights changed how average households are run. When traditions *go out the window*, gender roles are the first thing to go.
2. In many parts of the world, households are now **dual income**. Two adults share the bills and the **chores**. Women go back to work after having children. They are educated and hold careers similar to their **spouses**. Children are raised by a village of helpers. This includes childcare workers, extended family, and community services. The **nuclear** family isn't the norm anymore. Single-parent families are more and more common. Some families are run by two men or two women. Many people opt to stay single.
3. Was life easier when gender roles were specific? That depends on who you ask. A woman may say no. She had to do all of the work at home and never got a break from the children. A man may say no too. He was out of the home for most of the day. All of the **pressure** to support the family was on him. What would the children say if you asked them?
4. As humans, we are always looking for a **happy medium**. We want what we don't have and we have what others want. This is one personality trait that women and men share. Who takes out the trash in your family?

*"My father always defined my gender to my brothers. He'd say, 'This is your sister; you must take care of her.'"*

—Sandra Cisneros, author

1- Are women typically the primary caregivers in your country?

2- What jobs would you be surprised to see a woman doing?

3- What are traditional gender roles?

4- Are most households dual income?

5- What are blue and pink jobs?

6- What role do men have when women primarily look after the children?

7- According to the author, was life easier when gender roles were more specific?

**II. Do the correct modal of lost opportunity conversion.****Possibility (could have + Past Participle)****Advice (should have + Past Participle)****Willingness (would have + Past Participle)**

- 1- I could have bought (buy) bread but I didn't know we needed it. (*possibility*)
- 2- We \_\_\_\_\_ (invite) so many people to our party! I'm worried that we won't have enough room for everyone. (*negative advice*)
- 3- I \_\_\_\_\_ (start) saving money years ago! (*advice*)
- 4- We \_\_\_\_\_ (join) you at the restaurant, but we couldn't get a babysitter. (*willingness*)
- 5- The weather \_\_\_\_\_ (be) any worse! (*negative possibility*)
- 6- I \_\_\_\_\_ (arrive) on time, even if I'd left earlier. There were dreadful traffic jams all the way. (*negative possibility*)
- 7- Amanda \_\_\_\_\_ (finish) the work, but she felt ill and had to go home. (*willingness*)
- 8- Lucy \_\_\_\_\_ (leave) earlier. She missed her flight. (*advice*)

**III. Do the correct Past Perfect conversion.**

- 1- When I arrived at the cinema, the film had started (start).
- 2- I \_\_\_\_\_ (not/have) breakfast when he arrived.
- 3- She \_\_\_\_\_ (live) in China before she went to Thailand.
- 4- He \_\_\_\_\_ (not/use) email before, so I showed him how to use it.
- 5- You \_\_\_\_\_ (not/study) for the test, so you were very nervous.
- 6- After they \_\_\_\_\_ (eat) the shellfish, they began to feel sick.

**IV. Do the correct Third Conditional conversion.**

- 1- If you hadn't been (not/be) late, we wouldn't have missed (not/miss) the bus.
- 2- If she \_\_\_\_\_ (study) she \_\_\_\_\_ (pass) the exam.
- 3- If we \_\_\_\_\_ (arrive) earlier, we \_\_\_\_\_ (see) John.
- 4- They \_\_\_\_\_ (be) late if they \_\_\_\_\_ (not/take) a taxi.
- 5- She \_\_\_\_\_ (not/meet) him if she \_\_\_\_\_ (not/come) to London.
- 6- He \_\_\_\_\_ (take) a taxi if he \_\_\_\_\_ (have) enough money.

