COMPREHENSIVE EXAMINATION

FAMILY

Part 1

1. Since the second world war the family has changed dramatically. Outline the major changes that have occurred in family patterns for various groups in the United States. Summarize some of the major explanations that have been offered to account for these changes.

2. In recent years the rise in the number of female-headed families, especially those headed by young minority females, has increased dramatically. Briefly summarize the evidence concerning the consequences of the rise in the number of single-parent households for social support and the economic and psychological well-being of women and children.

3. Compare and contrast the liberal (progressive), communitarian, and conservative view of current family issues in modern societies. Include references to the literature where appropriate (mention of the author's name will suffice).