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1. In Susan Bordo's analysis of "disciplined bodies" within "Unbearable Weight," she argues that cultural influences shape individual behaviors and physical forms. Considering this framework, which approach best examines the impact of media representation on personal body image and eating disorders?

- (1) Analyzing the correlation between media consumption and self-reported body satisfaction among different demographics.
- (2) Assessing the effectiveness of media literacy programs in altering perceptions of ideal body types.
- (3) Studying changes in advertising content from a historical perspective to understand shifts in beauty standards.
- (4) Comparing rates of eating disorders in cultures with high versus low media exposure.

Answer Key: 1

Solution:

? Option 1 (Correct): This approach directly ties into Bordo's discussion on how societal norms, perpetuated through media, discipline individuals to conform to certain body images, impacting personal body satisfaction.

? Option 2 (Incorrect): While media literacy is relevant, it does not directly address the individual's internalization of media images as discussed by Bordo.

? Option 3 (Incorrect): This historical analysis provides background but does not connect directly to individual experiences of body image and eating disorders.

? Option 4 (Incorrect): Comparing rates does not delve into the causative influence of media representations on individual behaviors, a key aspect of Bordo's argument.

Hence, Option (1) is the right answer.

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2. Reproductive technologies such as IVF have been argued to enhance gendered agency by offering choices previously unavailable. How might these technologies paradoxically also contribute to reinforcing traditional gender roles within families?

- (1) By emphasizing the biological roles of women as mothers, potentially overshadowing other family dynamics focused on shared parenting responsibilities.
- (2) Enhancing men's roles in family decisions about child rearing by providing more fertility options.
- (3) Reducing societal pressures on couples to have children by making reproduction a more controlled and intentional decision.
- (4) Increasing the financial independence of women by allowing them to delay childbirth in favor of career advancement.

Answer Key: 1

Solution:

? Option 1 (Correct): This option reflects the paradox where reproductive technologies, while providing agency, can also reinforce traditional views that prioritize women's roles as primarily biological, overshadowing egalitarian family models.

? Option 2 (Incorrect): This option suggests a positive impact on gender roles rather than addressing how it might reinforce traditional ones.

? Option 3 (Incorrect): This option discusses societal pressures broadly and does not directly relate to reinforcing traditional gender roles within the family through these technologies.

? Option 4 (Incorrect): Similar to option 2, this focuses on empowerment rather than examining potential reinforcement of traditional roles.

Hence, Option (1) is the right answer.

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3. Considering the interplay between sexuality, norms, and body politics, how do legal frameworks around gender identity and expression influence individual behaviors and societal norms?

- (1) By defining and enforcing legal boundaries, they shape public and private perceptions of acceptable expressions of gender and sexuality.
- (2) Legal frameworks primarily affect economic policies, with minimal impact on social behaviors and norms related to gender and sexuality.

(3) They encourage a broader acceptance of diverse sexual orientations by mandating equal treatment in public services.

(4) Such frameworks are mostly symbolic and do not have a substantial impact on day-to-day interactions and societal norms.

Answer Key: 1

Solution:

? Option 1 (Correct): Legal frameworks create normative boundaries that directly influence both societal norms and individual behaviors, impacting how gender and sexuality are expressed and perceived publicly and privately.

? Option 2 (Incorrect): This option incorrectly minimizes the impact of legal frameworks on social norms and behaviors, which are significant.

? Option 3 (Incorrect): While promoting acceptance, this option does not capture the broader normative influence of legal definitions and boundaries on societal attitudes.

? Option 4 (Incorrect): This underestimates the power of legal frameworks in shaping societal interactions and norms.

Hence, Option (1) is the right answer.