

## AHDFS/SMFT Comprehensive Examinations General Question Topics

Of the following topics, please choose two subtopics (e.g., a, b or c). The two subtopics should be from differing categories/topics (e.g., 1, 2 or 3). Your chosen topics must NOT be the same topics you've used in HDFS 601 and HDFS 604.

1. Parenting
  - a. Transition
  - b. Stepparenting issues
  - c. Discipline
  - d. Cross-cultural parenting
  - e. Parenting style
  - f. Single parenting
  - g. Technology and parenting
2. Fatherhood
  - a. Social fatherhood
  - b. Non-residential fatherhood
  - c. Father identity
  - d. Fathering and child outcomes
  - e. Father involvement
3. Attachment and social outcomes
  - a. Adoption and attachment
  - b. Attachment and life course
  - c. Cross-cultural attachment
  - d. Attachment styles
4. Sexuality
  - a. Identity LGBT issues
  - b. Sexuality and adolescence
  - c. Illness and violence
  - d. Aging and sexuality
  - e. Fertility
  - f. Technology and sexuality
  - g. Casual sex
5. Marriage and cohabitation
  - a. Satisfaction, adjustment and stability
  - b. Marital outcomes
  - c. Marital communication
  - d. Infidelity
6. Family violence
  - a. Across the lifespan
  - b. Spousal abuse
  - c. Child abuse
  - d. Marital conflict
  - e. Substance abuse
  - f. Elder abuse
7. Divorce and remarriage
  - a. Blended families
  - b. Effects on children
  - c. Divorce adjustment
  - d. Wellbeing-children, adults, adolescents
  - e. Stepparenting
8. Gender
  - a. Identity
  - b. Roles
  - c. Idealization
  - d. Socialization
  - e. Cross-cultural
9. Resiliency
  - a. Individual resiliency
  - b. Family resiliency
  - c. Protective factors
  - d. Immigrant families and resiliency
10. Grandparents
  - a. Cultural differences
  - b. Grandparents as parents
  - c. Retirement and aging
  - d. Caregiving
  - e. Stress
  - f. Intergenerational household
11. Ethnicity
  - a. Family strengths
  - b. Acculturation
  - c. Ethnic identity
  - d. Intergeneration families
  - e. Racism and discrimination
  - f. Oppression
12. Work and family
  - a. Family finance
  - b. Gender role
  - c. Role exchange theory
  - d. Parenting
  - e. Work/family conflict
  - f. Stress
  - g. Dual career family
  - h. Marital satisfaction
13. Aging/gerontology
  - a. Palliative care: family role(S)
  - b. Specific populations and aging (pick a population)
  - c. Dementia and the family
  - d. Family caregiving to the elderly
  - e. Widowhood and grieving in the context of family
14. Romantic relationship
  - a. Romantic relationship formation
  - b. Dating
  - c. Commitment
  - d. Trust in romantic relationships
  - e. The impact of technology on romantic relationships
  - f. Romantic relationship through the life course (focus on a specific age group)
15. Child development
  - a. Brain development
  - b. Technology and child development
  - c. Child care and child development