

## PARAGRAPH PATTERN - INDEPENDENT LEARNING

- A. Read this selection, which identifies some problems that women face, and answer the questions that follow. The early feminists fought for the right to be equal with men. Then women found themselves with the freedom to study and think, but it was too often at the price of sacrificing a personal life. So they went back to home. In the present generation, women have devoted themselves to homemaking have discovered its hardships and limitations and are demanding the right to leave the home. But this time they do not want to give up anything homemaking entails. They would have the period of child rearing considered a special episode, In their view, the woman with job os to be more admired as mother and is more stimulating as a wife. It would be well to ask: is this an expression of anything more than another swing of the pendulum?

The problems facing articulate, educated women remain as vivid today as they have been throughout European history. The continuous care given to small children, as husband, and a household usually is incompatible with the single-minded pursuit of a career. The life style of the good wife and mother contrasts sharply with that of the good scientist, artist, or executive.

- Margaret Mead and Frances Balgley Kaplan

(Adapted from Wiener & Bazerman, 1988, p. 139)

1. In the first paragraph, what two groups of women are being compared?  

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2. The early feminists
  - a. were willing to give up their personal lives to gain the freedom to study and think
  - b. wanted to have freedom to study and to think at the same time as they enjoyed homemaking
  - c. wanted to spend their whole lives devoted to their families.
  - d. wanted freedom but were not willing to pay the price of giving up their personal lives.
  - e. were willing to pay any price for equality
3. Modern feminists
  - a. are willing to give up their personal lives to gain the freedom to study and think.
  - b. want to have the freedom to study and to think at the same time as they enjoy homemaking,
  - c. want to spend their whole lives devoted to their families.
  - d. want freedom but are not willing to pay the price of giving up their personal lives.
  - e. are willing to pay any price for equality.

4. What two lifestyles are compared in the second paragraph?

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5. The writer feels that

- a. the problems women face have changed through history.
- b. having a family is better than having a career.
- c. having a career is better than having a family.
- d. the two lifestyle cannot fit together.