

# SOCIAL PROBLEMS 1

**Marks: 5**

## HE SAID - SHE SAID

Misogyny and Misandry is present in many facets of society and especially in the media. Write a summary (outlining the major points) of Tepperman (2011) “Gender Relations: Gender Stereotypes in the Media” (pages 100-102).

**SCENARIO:** As a social service student at Dawson, during your stage at a high school, you have been asked by your supervisor to prepare a short presentation to help grade 11 students with the stereotypes they may have about gender and gender roles.

In preparation for this presentation you want to explore your own ideas and stereotypes in order to minimize your own biases getting in the way ( something a social service worker is always aware of) You also want to present both sides of the issue to your students.

Read the following statements which are common **perceptions** of men and women in society.

**Choose ONE of the statements and write arguments for EACH side of the issue.**

1. On one side of your sheet of paper you **AGREE** with the statement. Argue persuasively **in agreement** with the statement.
2. On the other side of your sheet of paper you **DISAGREE** and argue persuasively **against** the statement.

To strengthen your arguments, use the readings in your text, as well as what was discussed in your reading groups about gender relations.

**STATEMENTS (CHOOSE ONE OF THE FOLLOWING):**

Men are stronger than women

Men are more rational and logical than women

Men are protectors

Men are afraid of their feelings

Men are better at math and science than women

Women are more relational than men

Women are more intuitive than men

Women are more sensitive than men

Women are sexual objects in our society

Women are the major caregivers of children and elderly parents

Women are more fragile than men

Men are more violent than women

Men are more egotistical than women

Women are more powerful than men

Women are more emotional than men