

# ESSAY 4    The Roles of Men and Women

Your teacher has asked you to write a composition about the following statement:

**The roles of men and women are changing in modern society**

Write your **essay** in **140-190 words** in an appropriate style giving your opinion.

**MY ESSAY PLAN:** It took me 5 minutes to write!

<b>INTRO:</b>	Changes in the 60s/feminist movement
<b>PARAGRAPH 1 AGREE WITH TITLE:</b>	Women study more/better jobs
<b>PARAGRAPH 2 DISAGREE WITH TITLE:</b>	Earn less money/work and look after kids/domestic violence
<b>CONCLUSION:</b>	Progress made, but still discrimination/roles must still change

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## MY ESSAY

### The roles of men and women are changing in modern society

Since the sexual revolution in the sixties and the progress of feminist movements **in recent times**, the roles of men and women in society have been **constantly evolving**.

Fifty years ago most women finished school early and left home to get married, become a housewife and look after the children. **Nowadays, however**, a high percentage of women have university degrees and careers in a **previously** male-dominated world. **Presently, it is not surprising** to see female Members of Parliament or women occupying executive positions in companies.

**On the other hand, despite** these positive changes, many men still earn more money than women for doing the same job. **While** male partners contribute more with basic tasks such as housework and caring for children, many women have to do both! **Besides this, it seems that** domestic violence is **increasing alarmingly**, and may be a consequence of men losing power and control.

**In conclusion, it could be said** that **in spite of** great advances in sexual equality, discrimination is still a serious social problem and men are finding it difficult to adapt to their new role.

## NOTES

- Note the use of time expressions such as: ***in recent times, nowadays, presently, previously.***
- Remember to include 'contrast' expressions like: ***on the other hand.***
- Win marks by using: ***despite, while, besides, in spite of.***
- Make a plan and always write the **maximum** number of words; 180.