

## QUESTIONS FROM WEEK 4 READINGS

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*Note: The graphs and the appendix are optional.*

1. Why does specialization among family members depend on their relative efficiency in market work and home production?
2. What are some examples of household public goods? How do they contribute to the benefits of marriage or cohabitation?

### **WAITE**

1. What are some dimensions on which married men and women seem to be better off than the unmarried?
2. Is it reasonable to interpret these differences as being "caused" by marriage? Why or why not?

### **OPPENHEIMER**

What is the "independence" hypothesis regarding the desirability of marriage or of staying married? Does most of the *evidence* Oppenheimer mentions in her article support or fail to support the hypothesis? Discuss two findings from the article that substantiate your view.

*You should be able to answer these in 1 to 2 paragraphs or 3 to 10 sentences.*