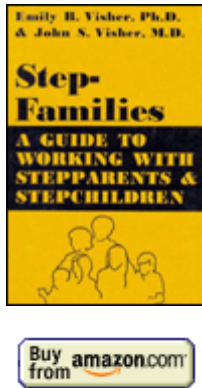


# Stepfamilies

## *A Guide to Working with Stepparents and Stepchildren*

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## Examination Questions

### Chapter 1: Cultural Characteristics of Stepfamilies

1. According to the authors, the role of stepparents or stepchildren has not been defined or established in society.
  - a. True
  - b. False

### Chapter 2: Structural Characteristics of Stepfamilies

2. According to the authors, the subjective experience of therapists is that children are affected positively or negatively by the positive or negative feelings the second parental adults have about the biological parents.
  - a. True
  - b. False
3. According to the authors, remarriage can bring added emotional difficulties and often the desire for an alteration in custody and visitation agreements.
  - a. True
  - b. False

### Chapter 3: Research in Stepfamily Relationships

4. According to the authors, stepfamily relationship can be patterned after those of the traditional nuclear family.
  - a. True
  - b. False
5. According to the authors, there is a positive correlation between socioeconomic status and stepfamily success.
  - a. True
  - b. False
6. According to the authors, individuals growing up in stepfather families differ markedly in measures of social functioning from individuals growing up in nuclear families.
  - a. True
  - b. False

7. According to the authors, stepfather – stepchild relationships are much more tentative and difficult than stepmother – stepchild relationships.
- a. True
  - b. False

#### **Chapter 4:** Women in Remarried Relationships Involving Children

8. According to the authors, women in remarriages involving children commonly have unrealistic expectations of themselves.
- a. True
  - b. False
9. According to the authors, stepfathers generally feel responsible to make up to their stepchildren the pain caused by the loss of the nuclear family.
- a. True
  - b. False
10. According to the authors, men tend to feel more responsible for family functioning in subsequent family relationships than they do in first families.
- a. True
  - b. False

#### **Chapter 5:** Working with Women in Stepfamilies

11. According to the authors, Sardanis-Zimmerman found that in the first phase in the stepmother's assimilation into the stepfamily, the stepmother usually has positive feelings toward the stepchildren.
- a. True
  - b. False
12. According to the authors, the major topics usually covered in therapy with stepmothers or wives of stepfathers, include handling rejection from stepchildren.
- a. True
  - b. False

#### **Chapter 6:** Men in Remarried Relationships Involving Children

13. According to the authors, statistically, stepfathers with no children of their own have the most difficult time in stepfamily situations.
- a. True
  - b. False
14. According to the authors, statistically, stepmothers with no children of their own have the most difficult time compared to other women in stepfamilies.
- a. True
  - b. False
15. According to the authors, discipline frequently causes problems when the mother says she wants the stepfather to help with discipline, but then feels protective and does not want any interference in her relationship with her children.
- a. True
  - b. False
16. According to the authors, stepfathers often feel guilty leaving the children of their previous family to become the stepfather in a new family.
- a. True
  - b. False

**Chapter 7: Working with Men in Stepfamilies**

17. According to the authors, stepfathers often have little difficulty breaking into an already formed group of mother and children.

- a. True
- b. False

18. According to the authors, discipline problems are often major upsets in stepfamilies.

- a. True
- b. False

**Chapter 8: Recoupling – Stepfamily Couples**

19. According to the authors, grandparents often feel displaced and displeased with a remarriage, and can often be hostile towards the new person.

- a. True
- b. False

20. According to the authors, a continued relationship between ex-spouses can prevent a close alliance between the new couple and can prevent the assimilation of a stepparent into the stepfamily.

- a. True
- b. False

21. According to the authors, when emotional separation has not been achieved between the biological parents, the new couple relationship is often strained and problems can occur.

- a. True
- b. False

22. According to the authors, studies have shown that the higher socioeconomic status is related to a worsening of stepfamily functioning.

- a. True
- b. False

**Chapter 9: Working with Stepfamily Couples**

23. According to the authors, a woman who leaves a job she likes after remarriage to stay home full-time with the stepchildren, often compounds rather than simplifies the situation.

- a. True
- b. False

24. According to the authors, one of the difficulties experienced by stepfamilies in McClenahan's group was being rejected by stepchildren.

- a. True
- b. False

**Chapter 10: Children in Stepfamilies**

25. According to the authors, the adult's feelings and the children's feelings may be more discrepant around the time of remarriage than at any other time during the divorce-marriage process.

- a. True
- b. False

26. According to the authors, parents and stepparents should hide their true feelings about each other from the children.

- a. True
- b. False

**Chapter 11: Working with Stepchildren**

27. According to the authors, research by Duberman indicates that the most difficult step-relationship is between stepfathers and stepdaughters.

- a. True
- b. False

28. According to the authors, stepfamilies are frequently not sensitive to the adolescent's need for independence.

- a. True
- b. False

**Chapter 12: Stepfamilies**

29. According to the authors, stepfamilies often have difficulty dealing with where the family boundaries lie.

- a. True
- b. False

30. According to the authors, for many children, the remarriage of one or their biological parents often seems like another loss rather than a gain.

- a. True
- b. False

31. According to the authors, a major problem for stepfamilies is that they feel out of control.

- a. True
- b. False

**Chapter 13: Working with Stepfamilies**

32. According to the authors, stepfamilies are not different from intact families,

- a. True
- b. False

33. According to the authors, stepfamilies function more effectively when the couple is in a strong caring alliance with less cohesiveness with the children than is optimal in intact families.

- a. True
- b. False

34. According to the authors, many stepfamilies are unaware that it is the structure of the stepfamily that is causing a problem.

- a. True
- b. False

**Chapter 14: Overview**

35. According to the authors, a stepfamily is born of loss.

- a. True
- b. False

36. According to the authors, more of Bowen's "triangles" exist in stepfamilies than in nuclear families.

- a. True
- b. False