Gender Roles in Modern Society
One World Student Ambassador: Joy Nash

2: Understanding the Reflection
Preview the following questions before you read the Reflection. Identify key words in the questions (you can underline them for quick reference). As you read, pay attention for those key words so that you will know where to look for the answers when you are finished reading.

Multiple Choice Questions:

1. According to Joy, why are traditional gender roles not necessary today?
   a. Gender roles have always been the same across cultures.
   b. Gender roles have completely switched between men and women today.
   c. Gender roles are no longer defined by specific responsibilities of men or women.
   d. Gender roles help us to understand what men and women need to do in their society.

2. How does paragraph 2 support Joy’s argument?
   a. It shows how complex male and female identities are.
   b. It shows how different men and women have always been.
   c. It shows how male and female roles have remained the same.
   d. It shows how ideas of masculinity and femininity have changed over time.

3. According to Joy, how do societies differ when it comes to gender roles?
   a. Some societies do not acknowledge differences in gender.
   b. Some societies have gender roles that are opposite to ours.
   c. Some societies have changed their gender roles many times in history.
   d. Some societies think that gender is not important when deciding who does what.

4. According to Joy, how do the terms “gender” and “sex” differ?
   a. Gender is social, while sex is physical.
   b. Gender is social, while sex is religious.
   c. Gender is physical, while sex is religious.
   d. Gender is religious, while sex is physical.

5. According to Joy, what is a consequence of not changing ideas about traditional gender roles?
   a. People could be scared to show who they really are.
   b. People could end up behaving too masculine or too feminine.
   c. People could resist change due to their personal religious ideals.
   d. People could face discrimination if they do not fit into a specific gender category.
Constructed Response Questions:

1. What central argument did Joy convey in her Reflection?

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2. How did Joy organize his argument in her Reflection?

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3. How would you prioritize the reasons why gender roles are no longer necessary? Why would you prioritize the reasons in this order?

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