**CONFLICT, POWER AND CONFICT RESOLUTION QUESTIONS**

Read pp. 228 -229 in *Individuals and Families* and answer the following questions.

1. Both systems theory and conflict theory examine the topic of conflict, power and conflict

resolution strategies. For each theory, describe how each theory explains each item in the

chart below.

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| **Marriage Issue** | **Systems Theory** | **Conflict Theory** |
| conflict |  |  |
| power |  |  |

2. a) How does symbolic interactionism attempt to explain the different perceptions of conflict

that men and women have.

b) Summarize the differences that various researchers have discovered about the

differences between men and women in resolve conflict.

3. a) According to Martin King Whyte’s study, what characteristics were common to enduring

marriages?

b) What is *social homogamy*?

c) What role does social homogamy play in enduring marriages?

4. Read the case study of “Colleen and Eddie’s Marriage” on pp. 240-241. Answer questions

2 -4 on p. 241.