Chapter 4: Fertility

1. What features defined the European Marriage Pattern?

2. When and where did this pattern apply?

3. What features defined the East Asian marriage pattern?

4. Do modern hunter-gatherer fertility patterns resemble more the East Asian or European patterns?

5. Three types of explanation have been offered for the European Marriage pattern. What are they? What are the weaknesses of each of these explanations?

6. On average was fertility higher in Western Europe, China, Japan, or hunter gatherer societies?

7. What is the definition of the Total Fertility Rate (TFR)? What was a typical TFR for pre-industrial societies?

8. Which two European countries had the highest fertilities before 1800? What might explain that pattern in these cases?

9. Who are the Hutterites, and why do they matter to pre-industrial demography?

10. Egyptian women in the Roman Empire period married young and had relatively high marital fertilities compared even to Europe. What kept overall fertility in line with European and Asian levels?