Psychology 300/480
Gender/Sexuality (Chapter 10)

To properly prepare for the test that includes this chapter you should study the material in the book and in lecture that would allow you to do the following:

1. Describe what is meant by the terms gender and sex.
2. Describe the major significant and reliable cognitive, emotional, and sexual activity differences found to exist between males and females. Describe the mainstream psychological view regarding the extent of these differences (are men and women really so different that we can be said to come from different planets?).
3. Describe the various views as to the cause of gender differences (social role or learning theory, gender schema or social cognitive theory, and biological theories).
4. Describe the various biological and psychological factors that influence sexual motivation, including how male and female humans may be different from each other and from other mammals in terms of these factors.
5. Describe the current findings regarding the causes of homosexuality.
6. Describe the sexual practices of the average American, including how these may vary by gender and relationship status (e.g., frequency of sexual intercourse and other forms of sexual expression, attitudes toward casual sex, etc.)
7. Describe the various sexual variations (gender dysphoria, paraphilia, etc.).