

ESSAY #2

The best profession for women is marriage

Outline

I- Introduction

Marriage is not the best profession for women, because it deprives women of their basic fundamental rights, induces life time subjugation by husband and his family, and restricts women from achieving life endeavours.

II- Overview of the oppression faced by women worldwide

III- Patriarchal societies believe that the best profession for women is marriage. A counter perspective

A- Marriage as a base of civilization

(Islamic civilization)

B- Gives identity to women

(case study of Princetoniana)

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One suggestion

Plz explore other side of idea in essay also

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IV- Marriage is not the best profession for women because,

A- Deprivation of basic fundamental rights

(Report of South Asia by UDHR)

B- Induces lifetime subjugation of women by husband and his family

(National Family Health Survey, India)

C- Restricts women from achieving life endeavours

(Sara as a doctor, TEDxLUMS)

D- Unwanted pregnancies and desire for male child

(Report of International Planned

Parenthood Foundation, 2021)

E- Excessive interference of husband in wife's life

(Report of American Psychological Association)

F- Increase in domestic abuse

(World Health Organization)

G- Women are pressurized to stay at home

(The Angel in the house)

H- Prevalence of divorce culture during early years of marriage (World Bank Report)

V - Steps to strengthen women ~~for~~ to endorse their independency in life

A- Assess to education

(Campaign for female education, Africa)

B- IGOs and NGOs programs to change "Them vs us" mindset

(UN Entity for Gender Equality and Empowerment of women)

VI - Conclusion

"A woman needs a man like a fish needs a bicycle"

- Marge Piercy

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"We can no longer ignore the voice within women that says: 'I want something more than my husband and my children and my home.'"

- Betty Friedan, The Feminine Mystique

Brutally killed by husband
On 25th September, another case of ~~brutally~~ killing wife by husband was charged at police station of Keamari District, Karachi. The police arrested the man for allegedly murdering his wife for not cooking food. The accused was presented before court, he recorded a confession statement before the judge in which he admitted to killing his wife over a petty matter. Hundreds of such murders take place worldwide. The fate of any woman completely takes a new dimension by ~~just not relying~~ **Plz focus on grammar** solely to husband.

This is how the widely called best profession - Marriage - turns out to be the worst option for many families and women. Many nations

label marriage as the best profession for women which varies greatly across cultures, religion, and regions. While marriage remains a cornerstone in many cultures, especially in urbanized and westernized societies. Betty Friedan in her famous publication, The Feminine Mystique, examines the dissatisfactions a woman faces in trapped roles of wife and mother. She describes marriage as a phenomenon that has no name and calls for women to seek fulfillment through education, career, and personal growth. The idealization of marriage in many cultures constrains all opportunities for women which drops them into a realm of trapped relations. Does marriage, as an institution, align with contemporary values of independence and equality? Why marriage prevails to be the most prevailing norm to be adopted by all women? Marrying a man is not enough for a woman to get enough provisions to live a happy life? The answer to all these questions is still withheld by many societies. Therefore, it is not ~~accepted~~ alienated to describe marriage as not the best profession for women, because it deprives women of their

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basic fundamental right, induces life time subjugation by husband and his family, and restricts women from achieving life endeavours.

The oppressions faced by women continues to be a global issue. Women faces unending discriminations and inequality in every domain of life. The constraint opportunities of women in politics, economy and social life, limitizes their world ^{to} a few scope of freedom. According to **The Gender Snapshot, 2024 Report** by the United Nations, 12 million girls are married annually before 18 years and focused in early pregnancies, 45% of women experiences any kind of domestic violence during their life time, around 130 million girls globally remain out of school, women only make 28% of parliamentary seats ^{worldwide} and approximately 10% of global population under poverty line makes a bulge of women. **Simone de Beauvoir**, in his famous book, **The second sex**, highlights that patriarchal societies construct women as "the Other" which perpetuates their subjugation through social, cultural and biological ster stereotypes.

Patriarchal societies believe that marriage is the best profession for women,

they optimises marriage as a base of civilization which is propagated through women. According to their understanding marriage is the building block of any society on which whole stature of civilization rests. It provides biological, emotional and cultural foundation which embodies every societal institution towards progress and stability. For example, **Islamic Civilization**, began from 1400 years ago by Hazrat Adam and Bibi Hawa, who are known to be mother and father of every muslim. Similarly, the generation of Holy Prophet Pbus was carried by Hazrat Fatima after marrying Hazrat Ali ^{AS}. It cannot be overlooked that marriage is the best profession for women through which she can start civilizations.

Moreover, patriarchal societies urge that marriage gives identity to women. She gets name, caste and provisions of socio-economic status through marriage. ~~From~~ It completely transforms the status of women and for any women to gain worldly recognition chooses marriage as the best profession someone can get. ~~For~~ For instance, the marriage of **Princess Diana** to prince Charles in 1981, completely transformed her not only as a

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global figure, but distinct role in British society and international film. She became a global icon and was beloved figure due to her charity work which skyrocketed after her marriage with Prince Charles. It cannot be denied that marriage provides identity to women in almost every sphere of life.

Keeping the patriarchal view under consideration, it cannot be overlooked that marriage is not less than a nightmare to many women and families. Hence, marriage is not the best profession for women. It deprives the women of her basic fundamental rights. Marriage restricts women in almost every spheres of life, it takes away the right to education, right to information, right to inheritance, and undermines freedom choices for women to gain autonomy. The recent report of UDHR on the conditions of women in South Asia after marriage, highlights that women are forced into early marriages, moreover, despite the health complications women are order to stay at home, their properties are owned by their husband, and restricted to not say 'NO' to husband in any case.

Furthermore, marriage leads to lifetime subjugation of women by her ~~family~~ husband and his family. The rigid family structure suppresses women under the label of mighty husband, in name of marriage male dominant families bring women into lifetime slavery. According to **National Family Health Survey (NFHS) in India**, emphasized on widespread instances of marital violence and abuse which is linked with lifetime subjugation of women enduring emotional, physical and economic abuse through marriages. This is merely prevalent within traditional family structures, the strict barriers prevent many women from escaping their circumstances and start to label themselves helpness. Marriage is proven to be a knot to subjugation of women by husband and his family.

Additionally, marriage restricts women from achieving life endeavours. Women tend to have limited access to education and career opportunities and financial dependency of women on husband restricts her to comply with the commands of husband. **Sana**, a 28 years old doctor, presently residing in Lahore married her class fellow from medical college, never

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knew that this marriage would cost her medical degree. Sara reported her case in TEDxLUMS, highlighting that after two weeks of love marriage, she was pressurized to prioritize her household duties and should plan to conceive a child. Despite her passion about pursuing her career as a medical specialist ended up restricting her professional goals due to tradition expectations of South Asian families. Hundreds of such examples prevail which emphasize on marriage as a tool of restriction for women to pursue her life endeavours.

Moreover, marriage engulfs women into unwanted pregnancies with a desire to have male child. The South Asian countries and North African states widely practice the desire to have a male child, as these countries associate male with breadwinners and to have more earning hands through agriculture. This reduces their labour cost, thereby facilitating their lives. In reference to International Planned Parenthood foundation report, 2023, almost 60% of women pregnancies of South Asian and North African countries are unwanted and almost 30% of them deny taking baby

girl home after delivery. The urge to have male child results in multiple pregnancies which causes severe health complications for women. Hence, marriage leads women to unwanted pregnancies by restricting their rights to reproduction.

Marriage is a foundational relation between spouses in which women suffer excessive interference of husband in her personal and private life. The woman is required to share everything to her husband as many traditional cultures believe that there is nothing as privacy in marital bond. American Psychological Association, indicates that extra interference of husband in wife's life and his disapproval behaviour to her friends leads to high marital instability. This tilts the marriage bond between spouses as a negative bond. According to Aurat Mehfuz NGO of Pakistan, 20% of women appeal to divorce because of privacy invasion by husband and his family. Thus, marriage leads to negative interference of husband into wife's life by indirectly controlling her whole life.

Moreover, marriage leads to life time domestic abuse and violence to women.

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Women are confined to certain traditional culture based boundaries, with failure to her compliance to restrictions make her a victim of domestic violence. It is the physical pain inflicted to women which is an imminent threat to psychological and emotional wellbeing of women in marital bond. According to **World Health organization**, 1 in 3 women faces physical and sexual abuse during their lifetime by their spouses. Domestic abuse has severe repercussions on whole family foundation which not only affect the wife, but their children leading to lifetime psychological suppression. Due to lack of social support and societal stigmatization women fail to address their domestic abuse on under scale, for that reasons they continue to suffer from domestic violence in marital relation.

Besides the above mentioned suppression of women in marriage, they are strictly expected to stay at home. The local cultures stress on the connotation that women are made to stay at home and take care of their children. **Coventry Patmore** in his poem, "The Angel in the House", describes

that women are idealized to devote their life to their homes, children and husbands to portray that women are meant for domestic roles to serve husbands and children. Women are struggling to topple this mindset from early phases of first wave of feminism, however it still prevails to be a major issue of society. Through marital bond women are stricken to comply to the ideas of the time irrespective of their personal choices.

In addition, marriage is not the best profession for women because it leads to blunt ends with limited benefits. The prevalence of divorce culture during early years of marriage not only affect women psychologically, but leads to lifetime stigmatization of society. According to **World Bank report**, 4-5 million women get married every year in USA and approximately 42-53% eventually get divorce during first two to three years of marriage. Similarly, 60% of divorce case filed by spouses are based on petty matters. The reduction in tolerance level and temperance in relationship continues to be the base for divorce cases. Therefore, marriage

cannot be the best profession for women to pursue. It takes away all freedom and opportunities of women's life, letting her go into astray compromises of marital bond which tends to destabilize the whole society.

In spite of the major limitations of marriage to women, it is essential to strengthen women to endorse independency in her life. Women should be empowered through several means to limit her global subjugation in every sphere of life. The mere essential to take women towards independency is unlimited access to education. Through education women should be empowered by sensitizing her about her basic fundamental rights. Women should be provided vocational training to enhance their capacity to perform skillful jobs. Moreover, financial literacy should be provided to women to protect her from getting into mayhem of economic suppression of husband. **Campaign for female education in Africa**, serves to be an exemplary campaign which empowers vulnerable girls and young women to get economically independent through education.

Furthermore, International Governmental

organizations and Non-Governmental organization should posit programs to strengthen women to endorse their independency. These programs facilitate eradication of traditional and typical mindset of

"Them vs Us". UN Entity for Gender Equality and Empowerment of women Platform

helps women to accept their existence in this world by giving importance to their wellbeing above any other cultural based demands in marital bond. This platform works to empower women by encouraging their position in economic, political and social domain. Similarly, women are promoted to achieve independence and acquire their basic necessities through **Sustainable Development**

Goals proposed by UN other such platforms should be encouraged through IGOs and NGOs to strengthen women to endorse independency. Other than getting into marriage to satisfy social norms or values.

In a nutshell, it is evident that marriage is not the best profession as a women can have it in her life. Marriage leads to deprivation of basic fundamental rights, it induces lifetime subjugation of women by her husband and his family. moreover, it

restricts women from achieving her life endeavours under pressurized environment of marriage. Marriage prevails to be the most trending norm to be adopted by all women because of cultural and societal restrictions. Many women prioritize their material wellbeing over happiness which can be achieved through marriage. However, marrying a man does not provide enough provisions for a women to live a happy life. It is known to provide benefits in one sphere, thereby, constraining life time benefits in many ^{other} spheres of life. Additionally, marriage doesnot align with contemporary values of independence and equality, consequently being one of the worst professions a women can opt for in turn to sake of her whole life.

Merge Piercy states that, "A women needs a man like a fish needs a bicycle", it emphasizes

that women are independent and do not require men to define their worth or identity.

This statement ~~is~~ often ~~used to~~ challenges traditional gender roles and promotes women's autonomy and independence other than getting into marital bond as a essential profession of women. It continues to inspire women self-reliance

by pushing gender equality in relationships, work, and society as a large. Women should learn to prioritize their emotional and psychological wellbeing, rather than material wellbeing which is facilitated through marriage only, as it is one of the ~~easy~~ easiest way to gain provision and identity followed by life time subjugation and deprivation.

Précis #2

Question #2

Make a précis of the following passage and suggest a suitable title.

Impacts of Climate on Production

Climate not only affects the humans' energy levels, but also their daily functions of production of livelihood. People living in different regions possess different abilities for industry production. In northern regions, the severity of climate restricts the outdoor activities of people. This results in disturbance of normal life, thereby, the working classes lose their ability to continue their productive working practices. Moreover, it affects the national character of climate affected areas as compared to the ones with constant climate conditions. The impacts of climate are more evident in opposing poles. Additionally, the regions in northern and southern spheres exhibit entirely opposite climate, but it has similar devastating impacts on their productions.

In Northern

Comprehensive reflection of idea

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Approx. words in passage = 308

words in précis = 110

Translation #2

Question #7

Translate the following Urdu paragraph into English by keeping in view figurative / idomatic expression.

Noble man has certain common and simple traits which are accessible to all people. The only difference between both is that, in noble man they are referred as qualities and in other people as suppressed traits. The well-known simple personality of Quaid-e-Azam is understandable to all. The list of few qualities of his traits are as follows: Uniqueness, actions, integrity, rhetoric and dignity.

That are present