

# THE DELAYED MARRIAGES: CAUSES & CONSEQUENCES.

## BRAIN STORM

### CAUSES

#### ① Economic Factors ✓

- Unemployment
- Career prioritization
- Costs of weddings, Dowry etc

#### ② Changing Societal Norms & Culture

- From Collectivism to Individualism
- Personal growth & maturation.

#### ③ Education Pursuits

- Focus on higher education

#### ④ Idealism ✓

- Males wants educated as well as younger females
- Females want well-established, educated & young life partner.

#### ⑤ Gamophobia ✓

- Fear of responsibility
- Fear of divorce
- Toxic relationships.
- Alarming examples before children of the strained relationship b/w father & mother.

#### ⑥ Influence of Media & Globalisation ✓

- Western ideals of relationships.
- Normalization of single life.
- Live-in relationships.

### CONSEQUENCES

#### ① Individual-level

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- Emotional maturity
- Strong career.
- Financially sound

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- Medical/biological effects.
- Loneliness, anxiety
- extra-marital / illegitimate relations
- loyalty compromise
- Psychological difference.

#### ② Societal-level

- Family structure & population delay (eg Japan, etc).
- Economic impacts
  - ↳ Healthcare.
- Compromise of family values &
- Religious cons
  - ↳ Pre-marital relationships
  - ↳ Sins
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# Outline

## (1) Introduction

- 1.1) Attention Grabber!
- 1.2) General Statement
- 1.3) Thesis Statement: Delayed Marriages are the result of many socio-cultural, economic and psychological factors that results in bringing both positive and negative consequences for individuals as well as for society.

## (2) Causes of Delayed Marriages.

### 2.1) Economic Factors.

- 2.1.i) Rising unemployment.
- 2.1.ii) High costs of Marriages and Dowry system.
- 2.1.iii) Career Prioritization.

### 2.2) Idealism.

- 2.2.i) Search for Perfect Spouse.
- 2.2.ii) Conditions like the partner should be educated, well-established, financially strong etc.

### 2.3) Gamophobia

- 2.2.i) Fear of responsibility
- 2.2.ii) Fear of divorce.
- 2.2.iii) Fear of Toxic Relationship.
- 2.2.iv) Alarming examples before children — strained relationship between father and mother.

### 2.4) Influence of Media and Globalization.

- 2.4.i) western ideals of relationship
- 2.4.ii) Normalization of live-in relationship
- 2.4.iii) Prioritizing single life.

## (3) Consequences of Delayed Marriages.

### 3.1) Individual-level Consequences.

#### 3.1.i) Positive consequences.

##### 3.1.i.a) Emotional Maturity

3.1.i.b) Stable career.

3.1.i.c) Financially sound.

3.1.ii) Negative consequences.

3.1.ii.a) Biological challenges — Fertility decline.

3.1.ii.b) Extra-Marital or illegitimate relations.

3.1.ii.c) Loyalty compromise.

3.1.ii.d) Loneliness, Anxiety, depression.

3.2) Societal Consequences.

3.2.i) Disruption of family structure

3.2.ii) Population shrinkage in some societies.

3.2.iii) Compromise of family values.

3.2.iv) Incline of individual towards sins and pre-marital relationships.

(4) Way Forward : Addressing the Issues.

4.1) Economic opportunities

4.1.i) Affordable housing

4.1.ii) Financial support schemes.

4.1.iii) Simple marriage traditions

4.2) Social Reforms and Awareness.

4.2.i) Encouraging simple and early marriages.

4.2.ii) Breaking stigmas like inter-caste marriages.

4.2.iii) Pre-marital counselling

(5) Conclusion.

## Essay

"Marriage is not the end of freedom; it is the beginning of responsibility". This old saying once defined the mindset of various societies. People used to consider marriage as an important milestone in their lives. However, in modern age, the average age of marriage is rising especially in urban areas, where people prioritize

their personal freedom over taking responsibility of being married. Delayed marriages may result from various socio-cultural, economic and psychological factors that results in bringing both positive and negative consequences for individuals as well as for the society.