

DELAYED MARRIAGES CAUSES AND CONSEQUENCES

OUTLINE

1. INTRODUCTION

1a. **HOOK:** "When marriages are delayed society begins to decay."

1b. **UNDERSTANDING THE CONCEPT OF DELAYED MARRIAGES.**

1c. **THESIS STATEMENT:** "Delayed marriages are the emerging social threat that is influenced by various social, political, economic and cultural factors."

2. CAUSES OF DELAYED MARRIAGES

2a. SOCIO-ECONOMIC INSTABILITY

- unemployment.
- financial constraints.
- lack of resources to manage a family.

EDUCATIONAL ASPIRATIONS

- Delay in achieving educational goals.
- Urge/need/Aim to become financially independent.
- Rise of educational awareness.

OVER EXPENDITURE ON MARRIAGE RITUALS

- High Priced marriages.
- Lack of financial resources to fulfill the ~~demands~~ demands.
- Demand of high-end dowery from girls poor parents/~~was~~ Unable to fulfill the dowery demands.

INVOLVEMENT IN SOCIAL EVILS

- Rise of relationship culture.
- Lack of commitment ~~to marriage~~ ~~to marriage~~ required for marriage.
- Involvement in immoral practices.

ROLE OF MEDIA

- Promotes the negative picture/side of the marital life.
- Promoting the extra-marital relationships.

INFLUENCE OF WESTERN CULTURE

- Youth influenced by western traditions.
- Distance from religious values.

- Lack of religious knowledge
- Religious misinterpretations.

2g. SOCIAL EXPECTATIONS

- High beauty standards.
- ~~High~~ ~~financial~~ Demand of high financial status

3. CONSEQUENCES

3a. INCREASE PSYCHOLOGICAL STRESS AND EMOTIONAL LONLINESS.

- unavailability of partner to share up and downs of life.
- Emotional loneliness.
- ~~Increased psychological stress~~ Increased societal pressure.

3b. HEALTH ISSUES

- Decline birthrate.
- ~~Health problems~~ Increased risks of genetic disorders in children
- Difficulty in conception, miscarriages and

pregnancy complications.

3C. RISE OF SOCIAL EVILS

- Immoral Adoption of immoral ways.
- Lack of Commitment leads to high divorce rate.

3D. INCOMPATIBLE MARRIAGES

- Settle for incompatible partners.
- Settle in unfavourable environments.
- Compromised marital life.

3E. QUESTIONS ^{ABLE} ON CHARACTER

- Questions on the character of the women.
- Question on men masculinity.
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3F. ECONOMIC CONSTRAINTS

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- low - population affects Consumption patterns.
- affects economic productivity.
- Disrupts the trading Pattern.

4. RELIGIOUS INTERPETATION OF MARRIAGE:

- Hadith. "Holy Prophet (P.B.U.H) advised the Muslims to get married as soon as possible."

5. ^{THE} WAY FORWARD:

- Provide a ^{supportive} ~~supporting~~ environment to fulfill education/ambitions along with marital obligations.
- Over come the financial constraints by creating job opportunities.
- Reduce the marriage expenditure.
- ~~Disseminate~~ ~~the~~ ~~the~~ Elimination of dowry culture.
- Media should promote positive

aspect of -the marital life.
→ limit the western influence.

1. CONCLUSION

INTRODUCTION

"When marriages are delayed,
Society begins to decay."

Marriages are considered as -the Cornerstone
of the Society; the basic institution upon
which the whole family life is built.

In recent times, the Society is on the verge
of destruction due to delayed marriages.
Delayed marriages means, the marriage
that took place after the pre-deter-
mined age, that is fixed by the social and
cultural standards. However, several factors
contribute towards the issue of delayed
marriages such as; high expenditure on
marriage rituals, unemployment, western

influence, high social standards and educational aspirations. The reflection of As Ayesha - a 32 years Pakistani doctor, who achieved the educational as well as the professional milestones in life but is unmarried, as at the time of her ideal age (set by the society) she was busy in achieving her professional ambitions, but now due to her status of being 'unmarried' or 'single' she is being banished out in each and every family gathering. Ayesha is the reflection of an average Pakistani who is being pressed between ambitions and traditions, ~~and now at the age~~ ~~of~~ ~~struggling~~ to balance dreams with societal expectations. As marriages are considered on the basis of morality in our society, but delay in marriages gives birth to many social evils. Likewise, delayed marriages are equally a menace for the society as ^{the} early marriages. Therefore, delayed marriages are regarded as the emerging threat of the society that is influenced by various social, political, economic and cultural factors.