

Mock Exam 1

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Delayed Marriages: Causes and Consequences.

Outline :-

I. Introduction :-

i) Hook.

ii) Background Information on Delayed Marriages:
Personal Choice and Sometimes the prevailing situation of individuals.

iii) Thesis Statement:

People delay marriages at times to focus on personal goals such as education and career. In other cases it is due to Match requirements, lack of resources, cultural influence and psychological factors. This ultimately results in increased social pressure, reduced family size, reduced fertility and loneliness.

II Body Paragraphs :-

Causes of Delayed Marriages:-

1. Educational Pursuits:-

- i) Increasing educational goals.
- ii) Increased requirements for higher degrees.

2. Career Goals:-

- i) Prioritizing career before personal life.
- ii) Desire to achieve career and financial stability before marriage.

3) High Match Expectations:-

- i) Unrealistic standards set by society
- ii) High expectations for a 'perfect' match.

4) Lack of Resources:-

- i) Unable to meet high wedding expense
- ii) Requirements of suitable housing or living conditions
- iii) Unemployment.

5) Migration for Work/Studies/Settlement

- i) Migrating to other cities or other countries for study / work or settlement purpose
- ii) Long wait for resident permits or permanent residence to be considered settled.

6) Cultural Influence

- i) Strict family conditions or traditions
- ii) Siblings waiting in line for marriage.

7) Psychological Factors:-

- i) Not ready to give up freedom.
- ii) Not prepared to take up responsibilities related to marriage.
- iii) Past trauma (personal/family).

Consequences of Delayed Marriage.

1. Increased Social Pressure :-

- i) Person not considered settled until married & falls prey to judgement.
- ii) Reduced chances of marriage due to increased age (specially women).

2. Reduced Family Size :-

- i) Late marriage mean missed or less chances of having children.

3. Reduced Fertility :-

- i) Increased age affecting fertility (specially women), reduced chances of having children.
- ii) Reduced fertility & desire to have children lead to expensive procedures (eg IVF).

4) Loneliness :-

- i) Friends and colleagues busy in their own lives, reduced chances of common grounds with others.
- ii) Absence of connection, emotional support, companionship, physical intimacy.
- iii) Increased stress & anxiety, low self esteem.

Introduction :-

Marriage used to be the ultimate and foremost goal for people in past, but this is not the case anymore. With the fast pacing world, the goals and priorities of people are shifting continuously. Although marriage is considered as the most important aspect of personal growth and individual development, it still get delayed in many cases. The grounds for this delay are personal and sometimes social, economic or cultural, all causing mild to severe consequences. People delay marriage at times to focus on personal goals such as education and career. In other cases it is due to match requirements, lack of resources, cultural influence and psychological factors. This ultimately result in increased social pressure, reduced family sizes, reduced fertility and loneliness.