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DELAYED MARRIAGES : CAUSES AND CONSEQUENCE.

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Thesis Statement:

Delayed marriages in Pakistan mainly arises from money pressures, longer education and jobs searches, ~~st~~ strict family filters, high housing costs, migration plans, online trust issues, legal paperwork delays, and weak fertility awareness. While marrying later can bring maturity and better matches, its wider effects, loneliness, late childbearing, smaller households, eldercare gaps, and gradual ageing - call for policies that create youth jobs and housing, cut wedding and dowry cost, improve premarital education, and ~~an~~ make a simple, dignified nikah easier.

Introduction:

"Time and tide wait for none". In today's

Pakistan, many young people are marrying later than before. The reasons are clear: long years in education, tough job markets, high rents and expensive weddings with dowry demands. Some delay has benefits ~~is~~ maturity, better understanding, and financial stability but it also brings new pressures: loneliness, stress late childbearing, and smaller family networks to support elders. As the birth rate slows and the population gradually ages, delayed marriages means, why it is rising, how it affects individuals, families, and the country, and what practical steps can make marriage simpler, timely and dignified for all.