

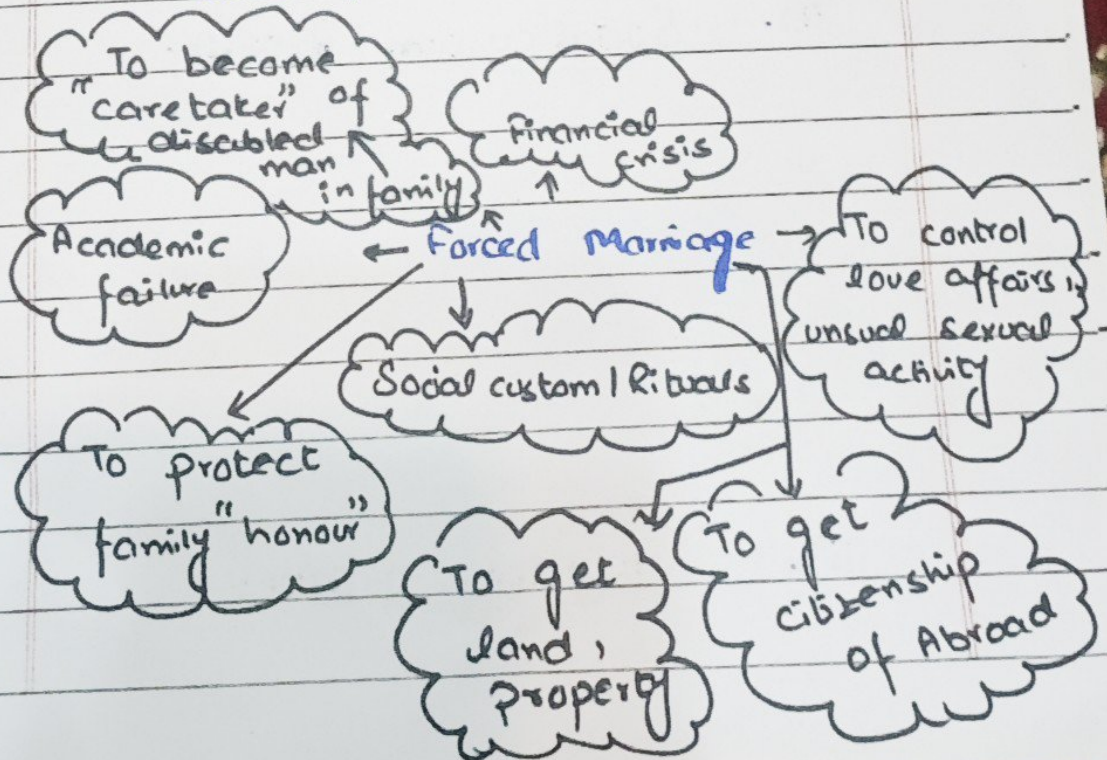
Forced Marriages ; Causes and Consequence

Introduction;

Thesis Statement;

Forced marriages are basically marriages which are done without consent (boy or girl), mostly minors become victim.

•) Causes;



i). Financial Crisis

are forcefully done by Parents due to economically low budget, they cannot afford their fees to educate them, mostly Parents are in state of hand to mouth so they forcefully do their marriage specially for girls that it can ease their financial burden.

ii). Social custom / Rituals;

Mostly, in tribal areas marriages are done earlier because it's their cultural tradition to get married just after puberty.

iii). Academic failure;

Academic

failure is one of the important factor and cause of early and forced marriage, when children fail in academics, Parents used to choose a pathway of marriage to get rid of this failure.

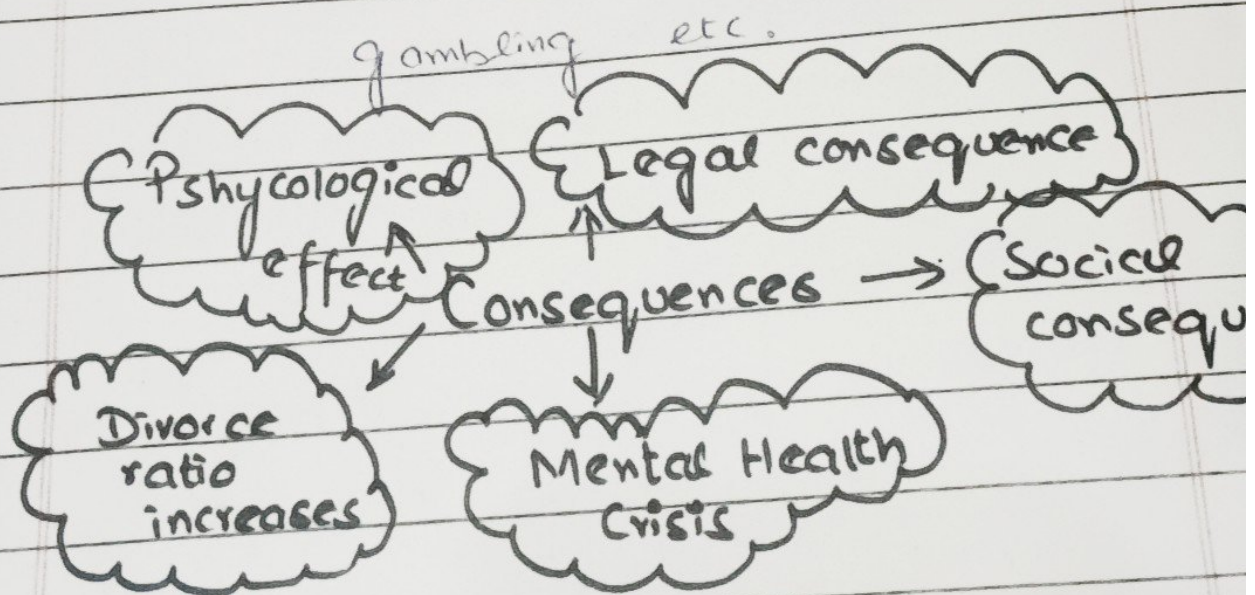
iv). To protect "honour" of family;

In some cases mostly in tribal areas, when a girl in family refused to do marriage on ~~her~~ wedding day or suddenly left out the home, to protect the honour of family other girl of family is forced to do marriage instead of her. For e.g

"Mukhtara Mai" case 2002

v); To control unusual
sexual activity;

Parents are married for
social norms and culture
changing day by day and
our influenced by
Western culture which
cause society customs.
imbalance like unusual
sexual activities, rape,



ii) Psychological effect;

Forced marriage cause
embarrassed and psychological

effect on victim. Depression
Anxiety and many more
(PTSD) diseases are
caused. Identity crisis

ii) Social Consequences;

Social

consequences are;

- i) Family Issues
- i) Isolation (To "protect honour")
- i) Social rejection (Not acceptance from society).

iii). Legal Consequences;

Forced marriage is criminal act and violation of
FIR.

i) Invalid marriage;

According
to Islam, without consent
marriage is invalid.

(ii) Under International Law;

UNHCR; (Art 16) and

Convention on the Elimination of
All Forms of Discrimination
Against Women (CEDAW).

In Pakistan, (Prevention of
Anti-Islamic Practice) 2011,
prohibits forced marriage
under criminal act.

iv) Health Consequence;

- i) Depression / Anxiety
- ii) Early Pregnancy
- iii) Domestic violence / Sexual violence.

v) Suggestions;

Parents should
do marriages under
legal constitution.

- o) Marriages are done
with consent.

To avoid unnecessary
acts like social imbalances

Parents should counsel
them instead of forced

marriages.

•) Conclusion;

Forced marriages
are mostly done in
South Asian countries to
"protect honor", this act
is basically criminal
act under international
law. This act should
be banned to protect
girls right.