

General instructions to be followed to pass essay

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ENGLISH - ESSAY

1- Spend time on rightly comprehension of the topic, you won't pass the essay unless and until you addressed the asked part

FORCED MARRIAGES IN PAKISTAN: CAUSES AND CONSEQUENCES

2- Try to make your main heading in the outline from the words in the question statement

3- Try to add hook in the introduction. The length of introduction must be of 2 sides

The issue of forced marriages is deeply rooted in Pakistan due to a number of reasons. This prevalent problem often leads to drastic consequences.

4- your topic sentence in your argument must be aligned with the ending sentence

OUTLINE

5- Avoid firstly, secondly, thirdly etc. in outline

1. Introduction

6- add references in your arguments with proper source. Provide proper headings.
Go for diversification of references

2. Causes Paragraph

3- What are the causes of forced marriages in Pakistan?

7- Do not add new idea or point in Conclusion

→ The patriarchal mindset of people in rural areas of Pakistan

8- You won't pass the essay if make more than 4-5 grammatical mistakes

→ Lack of education and awareness among people

9- outlines that are not self explanatory or does not aligned with the essay statement are liable to mark 0 and the essay would become null and void

→ Dominant cultural practices in the rural populace

10- always try to be relevant to the topic, if even your 1 or 2 arguments are irrelevant, the examiner would not pass your essay.

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Your argument is confined to

women only which should not be

→ Economic dependence of women on male counterparts.

→ Religious misrepresentations among masses about marriage

Your arguments are not aligned with the topic. Besides, your arguments are too general.

Always provide the arguments that are moderate in form

→ Little to no laws on the contemporary issue

→ Societal pressure on families associating family honor to marriage

4. Consequences of Forced marriages are:

→ Increasing divorce rates in the country

→ Rising cases of domestic violence

→ Escalation in suicidal tendencies among masses

→ Erosion of religious values

→ Limited participation of women in any sector

- Increasing incidents of marital rape
- Deterioration of Pakistan's global image

5 Conclusion

A forced marriage is no marriage (Sir Arthur Doyle). In the contemporary era, the term forced marriage has lost its context in the global arena. Masses are not bound by the cultural forces or traditional values to form families. However, this culture is still a sad reality of Pakistani society. Despite its numerous drastic consequences, the issue of forced marriage is still deeply rooted in the country. The rights of thousands are still violated using the disguises of culture, tradition, religion and family honour. Forced marriages do not only encompass the acts of parents marrying their children without their consent, it extends further. Today, we witness families giving their minor

Your writing is good. Keep it up.

However, your introduction is not up to the mark. Must work on it.

And also avoid 1st 2nd person pronouns in your writing

~~children away, for marriage, with spouses - three times their age, who do not even understand what this union is about. This violent culture has birthed disastrous outcomes for the both affected and for Pakistan as a country. Not only has it escalated the issue of divorce rates and honor killings, it has also damaged the country's reputation in the world.~~

Forced marriage culture is deeply entrenched among the masses of Pakistan. They have lost the sense of the rights a person bears inherently. The deeply rooted patriarchy and lack of education on the subject are among numerous reasons resulting in this act. Masses tend to often misinterpret religious values about marriage while associating it to the honor of their family. These misinformed acts lead to gruesome consequences. The country has witnessed a surge in both divorce as well as suicide

sates among young couples. Beside these, these forced marriages have also led to escalation in incidents of domestic violence and the misrepresentation of religious and cultural values. Nonetheless, this issue needs immediate attention of the authorities before it escalates any further.

The patriarchal mindset among the rural areas of the country is among the primary causes of forced marriages. Women are suppressed since their childhood and their opinions are disregarded in any and all walks of life. In rural areas, women often do not even get to know or see their partners before the wedding night. More than 30% women and girls were reportedly unaware of their spouses before getting married to them (Forced marriage unit statistics, 2021). Thus, patriarchal mindset leads to forced marriages in Pakistan.

The lack of education and awareness among the masses

is another leading cause of forced marriage among the masses. Families are not informed about the legal age or requirements to marry off. The traditions of forced marriages has been in force in the countryside, that it has now been normalized. When asked women in the marginalized areas told that they never even thought of choosing their own spouses as it has always been the responsibility of the elderly of the family (Gallup survey, 2024). Hence, the lack of awareness has increased the instances of forced marriage in the country.

To further the dilemma, the dominant cultural practices in the rural areas are also resulting in forced marriages. People believe in traditional and cultural practices to fix the marriage of their children without them knowing. Among many, the practices of Watta Satta, Vari and Swara

are most commonly used in rural populace to decide the marital future of the children. Reportedly, one-third of the total marriages in the rural areas of Punjab, Sindh and KPK are decided on exchange-basis (Watta Satta) (Pakistan Demographic and Health Survey, 2022). Hence, the dominant cultural practices in rural areas also result in forced marriages.

Moreover, the economic dependence of women on their male counterparts is also among the many reasons of forced marriages. Women are generally dependant upon the male populace of the society for their financial support. From pursuing education to buying household utilities, women place their reliance on men of the house. Anthropological studies of Hafeez and Jacob, in 2011 enlisted the economic dependence of women in rural areas as one of the reasons their voices go unheard. Since their opinions are invalidated,

women are left at the mercy of their male counterparts to decide their marital fate. Hence, financial dependence of women on men leads to forced marriages.

To add to it, religious misinterpretations about marriage among masses is also among the causes exacerbating the problem. People often misinterpret marriage as an important and compulsory pillar of religion. For instance people claiming to be Islamic scholars while having little to no knowledge on the subject threaten the masses about the consequences in hell if you do not marry your children off. Local media like Dawn, The News often highlight the cases in the country where women seek annulment of their nikkah as it was forced on them. Hence, religious misinterpretations lead to forced marriages.

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In addition to this, lack of legal acumen among people about the rights and liabilities pertaining to marriage also add to the issue. The children in rural areas and sometimes even in urban settings are unaware of the rights vested in them by the laws of the country. Girls are often unaware about their legal age to get marriage and the remedies available to them in case they are married forcefully. This leaves the victims of such marriage in dark and the dilemma continues.

Furthermore, the societal pressure on families associating family honor to marriage often leads to forced marriages. The society has a tendency of setting norms and traditions to decide what is normal and what what remains out of ordinary. In rural areas, it is considered that children should

marry the partner chosen by their parents and ignore their own desires. Those who against the wishes of their elders are either forced into marriages or killed in the name of protecting the family's honor. Recently, a Baloch young couple was shot in public to forego the family honor and marrying by choice. The incident gained international sight and remained tragic. Thus, societal and peer pressures also add to the cause.

The dilemma of forced marriage has led to a surge in divorce rates in Pakistan. **Tone should be according to the topic** Forced into unwanted marriages with incompatible partners, they often opt to part their ways from one another. Courts in the country are seeing a dramatic rise in filings of divorce and khula cases to dissolve the

marriage. The district courts in Karachi saw more than 15,000 cases for dissolution of marriage in 2024 (case flow management system, 2024). Thus, forced marriages lead to rise in divorce rates.

Also, the dilemma results in rising domestic violence in the country. When people are married with otherwise the partner of their choice, they tend to develop a hostile nature against their spouse. This hostility soon turns to violence both mental and physical.

According to the National Commission for Human Rights in Pakistan, 38% women faced incidents of physical and sexual abuse by their spouse due to compatibility issues in 2022. The example clearly elicits how forced marriages can lead to violence and abuse of the weaker.

Moreover, the issue also leads to greater suicidal

tendencies among one or both partners. When people with ~~incompatibility~~ are tied in the knot they end up either ~~abusing~~ or ~~isolating~~ themselves from everything. This results in mental disorders such as ~~anxiety~~, ~~depression~~ or ~~restlessness syndrome~~. As a result of this they start ~~eliciting~~ **Substantially low argument** ~~hostile behavior~~ towards themselves to cause harm. They prefer ~~physical pain~~ over ~~mental agony~~ and ultimately take their life. Hence, forced unions often lead to increased suicidal tendencies.

To further the cause, these unions also erode the religious identifications and values. People disguised as religious scholars misguide people about the religious beliefs and values. They often tend to brainwash their followers into believing that marriage is a mandatory deed in Islamic practices and

that its non-compliance will lead to disastrous consequences in the hereafter. These kind of perceptions drive people away from religious beliefs and misrepresents religious values to the followers. All in all, the dilemma also deteriorates the religious values.

Forced marriages also limit the participation of women in different sectors.

When women are forced into marrying when they are not willing to, they are also often forced to leave their jobs and drop out of educational institutions. They are then forced and expected to manage their homes as a full-time duty. This leaves them behind in all walks of life and consequently marginalized in important sectors. More than 50% women leave their careers and become housewives after marriage (ministry of finance, census on household development, 2022). Thus, forced marriages lead to margi-

nalization of women in important walks of life.

Furthermore, forced marriages increase the incidents of marital rape in the country. When women are forced into marriages that they do not want, they deny their spouse of their sexual rights in the marriage contract. This leads to incidents of marital rapes when men force themselves to claim their rights of marriage and to start a family. In Pakistan, there is no official statistics on marital rapes, however the matter pertains to common knowledge. Thus, forced marriages lead to marital rapes of women.

To further the point, the statistics of forced marriages in Pakistan has led to deterioration of the country's image in global arena. Due to uncountable

cases of forced marriages in the country among other causes, the global organizations have called upon Pakistan multiple times to take measures to ensure the provision of inherent constitutional rights among its people (UNDP survey on human rights in Pakistan, 2021). This has led to deteriorating the country's status on the global stage.

The dilemma of forced marriages is not new, neither ~~unknown~~ to the country. ~~It's rooted into the orthodox cultural and traditional practices followed among the masses. Even after decades, the issue has only escalated due to a number of possibilities. From entrenched patriarchal roots to fixated mindsets of masses of the country. The reasons of this persisting phenomenon are countless. The never-ending issue has even gained international attention as of today.~~

Being a country of cultural, traditional and religious values, Pakistan is facing a great challenge in the pretext of forced marriages. Not only its valuable talent is being thrown at the mercy of orthodox opinions and beliefs, a huge part of its brain is being lost to psychological disorders be it anxiety or depression. To conclude the overall discussion, there are numerous causes of forced marriages in Pakistan that are resulting in disastrous consequences.