

General instructions to be followed to pass 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

Outline:

1- Introduction

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

a) Definition and Distinction between arranged and forced marriages.

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

b) Global context and situation in Pakistan

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

c) Thesis statement

2- Causes of forced marriages in Pakistan

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

a) Cultural tradition and Patriarchal norms
- Concept of family honor

7- Do not add new idea or point in Conclusion

- Control over women autonomy
b) Economic factors

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

- Poverty and high price of dowry
- Social expectations

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

c) Illiteracy and lack of awareness.
- Limited education among rural women
- Ignorance of legal rights

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.

d) Weak law enforcement and judicial gaps

e) ~~Social pressure and family reputation~~

3- ~~Consequences of forced marriages~~

a) ~~Psychological and emotional trauma~~

- ~~Depression, anxiety, PTSD~~

b) ~~Violation of human rights and personal freedom~~

c) ~~Domestic violence and abuse~~

- ~~Physical, emotional and sexual violence~~

- ~~Suppression of female voice in household affairs.~~

d) ~~Unhealthy spouse relationship~~

e) ~~Health and maternal consequences~~

f) ~~Social Backwardness and Gender~~

~~Inequality~~

~~Conclusion:~~

You haven't understood the topic properly. Some of your points would be correct if you phrased them correctly.

- A forced marriage is one in which both parties are married without their free or full consent, often under threat, coercion, or social compulsion.

It differs from arranged marriages, where both individuals consent to

a match proposed by families. Forced marriages occurs due to high illiteracy and lack of awareness, cultural tradition, certain economic factors that ultimately results in psychological and emotional trauma, violation of human rights and personal freedom, unhealthy relationships between spouses. Forced marriages in Pakistan are rooted in socio-cultural, economic, and religious misinterpretations, leading to severe consequences for individual rights, gender equality and social progress.

You cannot split your introduction into separate paragraphs

- Pakistani society remains deeply patriarchal, where family honor is often tied to women's behavior and obedience. Many families consider female autonomy a threat to reputation and lineage control.

Practices such as *Natta Satta* (exchange marriages) and *vani* or *Samara* (giving girls in marriages to

Your argument is confined to women only

Evidence is not aligned with the argument

settle disputes) are particularly prevalent in rural areas of Sindh, Punjab, KPK. According to Human Rights Commission of Pakistan (HRCP, 2012) dozens of girls are still married off annually as a part of tribal conflict settlements.

- In poor household a marriage becomes a tool for financial settlements. Family marry off daughters early to reduce economic burdens or review walwar (bride price). Consequently, in urban areas dowry expectations of greedy families forces girls to marry with aged persons. The commodification of marriage as a transaction reinforces the idea that women are economic assets rather than individuals with rights. A UNICEF report (2021) noted that early marriages are strongly correlated with poverty, especially in rural Sindh and Balochistan.

Why are you confining forced marriages to women only?

- Illiteracy among women is one of the **Illegible** predictors of forced marriage. According to Pakistan Bureau of Statistics (2023), female literacy remains below 50% in rural districts. Without education, girls are unaware of legal protections or the concept of consent. Furthermore, families often consider silence as consents, ignoring emotional well-being. This cultural conditioning perpetuates a cycle of ignorance and submission.

- Although Pakistan has enacted several laws - like section 498-B of the Pakistan Penal Code (criminalizing force marriages) - implementation remains poor. Police often dismiss such cases "as family matters". The child marriage Restraint Act (1929) sets 16 as the minimum marriage age for females, but enforcement is

Your own thoughts are missing

~~inconsistent across provinces. Sindh has raised the age to 18, yet prosecutions remain negligible due to weak monitoring systems and community pressure.~~

Forced marriages often result in mental health issues - depression, anxiety, and ~~so~~ suicidal tendencies.

The absence of emotional connection and the presence of coercion create chronic psychological distress.

A 2021 Aurat Foundation study reveals that women in forced marriages reported higher levels of emotional abuse and psychological breakdowns compared to those in consensual unions.