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Marriage is one of the universal social institution. It is established by the human society to control and regulate the sex life of human. It is closely connected with the institution of family.
Robert H. Lowie:—

“Marriage is a relatively permanent bond between permissible mates”
Definition

Malinowski :-
“Contract for the production and maintenance of children”
“Marriage is a physical, legal and moral union between man and woman in complete community life for the establishment of a family.”
Characteristics of marriage

(1) **Marriage is a universal** social institution. It is found in almost all societies and at all stages of development.

(2) **Marriage is a permanent bond between** husband and wife. It is designed to fulfill the social, psychological, biological and religious aims.
(3) Marriage is a specific relationship between two individuals of opposite sex and based on mutual rights and obligations. **Relationship is enduring.**

- (4) **Marriage requires social approval.** The relationship between men and women must have social approval. Without which marriage is not valid.
(5) Marriage establishes family. Family helps in providing facilities for the procreation and upbringing of children.

(6) Marriage creates mutual obligations between husband and wife. The couple fulfill their mutual obligations on the basis of customs or rules.
Marriage is always associated with some civil and religious ceremony. This social and religious ceremony provides validity to marriage. Though modern marriage performed in courts still it requires certain religious or customary practices.
(8) **Marriage regulates sex relationship** according to prescribed customs and laws.

(9) **Marriage has certain symbols** like ring, vermilion, special cloths, special sign before the house etc.
1. Regulation of sex life
2. Marriage leads establishment of family
3. Provides economic cooperation
4. Marriage contributes to emotional and intellectual interstimulation of the partners
5. Marriage aims at social solidarity
Marriage

Two Aspects:

1. **Legal point of view**- states that marriage is a contract.

2. **Religious point of view**- states that marriage is a sacrament.
1. **Monogamy** - Marriage between one man and one woman.

2. **Polygamy or plural marriages** - refers to the marriage of more than one mate at a given time. It has three forms.
Three forms of Polygamy Marriage

- **Polygyny** - one husband and two more wives.
- **Polyandry** - one wife and two or more husbands.
- **Group Marriage** - marriage of several men to several women.
Changing tends in marriage
Changing trends in marriage

1. Changes in the Aims of Marriage
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After the marriage we can see the understanding problem between husband and wife. If both fail to understand each other it may create a problem.

This kind of problems have been seen specially in arrange marriages if the husband and wife didn't have interacted with each other before marriage.
Earlier there was after marriage women was not having freedom like.., Working out, Going out, Education. She was restricted. But now in feminism era we can see that every women wants to be based on her on value. But it is creating problems in traditional based families.
Divorce (or the dissolution of marriage) is the termination of a marital union, the canceling and/or reorganizing of the legal duties and responsibilities of marriage, thus dissolving the bonds of matrimony between a married couple under the rule of law of the particular country and/or state.
DOWRY

Demanding

Giving and taking

Helping in giving and taking

Advertising

For dowry is an offence

Punishment: These offences are punishable with imprisonment or fine or both.
Dowry demon devours yet one more bride

2400 Dowry Deaths / Year
Any conflicts that occur within a family--between husbands and wives, parents and children, between siblings, or with extended families (grandparents, aunts, uncles, etc.)
Inter-caste marriage is a term used in Asian and Middle-Eastern countries for a marriage where the couple are from two social groups, e.g., different races, clans or castes. It is related to exogamy, where marriage is allowed only outside of a social group, and opposed to endogamy.
Marriage between two states
male and female
8. Inter country marriage

Marriage between two country male and female
Marriage is most important step or condition of a human life, but in western countries influence of marriage is decreasing because it was practiced to control the sexual life of human being and establishment of family. But now a days it is totally change.
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