

# Candidate 3 evidence

Religious, Moral and Philosophical Studies National 5 Resource Sheet

Candidate Name

Scottish Candidate Number

34 people 94% no 6% yes.

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bbc bitesize - The Bible - "But at the beginning of creation God made them male and female. For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and will be united with his wife." (Mark 10:6-9)

study.com - Utilitarian view

Joe Walkers RMPS: morality & belief book  
 "The Law is very clear: couples living together do not have the same rights as married couples and civil partners."

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## Is marriage still necessary in today's society?

The issue I have studied is marriage. This assignment explores the reasons why people agree and disagree that marriage is still necessary in today's society. I will be looking at a religious and non-religious view point on this issue. It is not as common now for couples to be married as what it used to be, these days there are people who live together with children who are unmarried. Gender roles were more strict and it was normal for a man and woman to be married, whereas now people are not as interested in whether people choose to be married or not, or what gender they are attracted to. However, some religions believe same-sex marriage is wrong.

Marriage is the commitment between two people, but is it really necessary in today's society? Many people have loads of different opinions on this issue. For two people to get married they must have a ceremony led by either a priest or a humanist celebrant. On the one hand people believe that to have a true commitment to someone ~~it~~ it must be recognised in the eyes of God and people should show this through marriage. On the other hand however, some think that if two people love each other and are totally committed to one another, marriage is not necessary.

### Survey held:

I held a survey to see how many people agree and disagree that marriage is still necessary in today's society. I asked 34 people and 94% of people answered no and 6% of people answered yes. A large majority said marriage is no longer necessary because people can love each other without being married. One of those I asked said "marriage is no longer necessary in today's world because we live in a society where people get fed up of marriage and do not want to put the effort into it. Marriage is old fashioned and is too messy to get out of." I agree with this view because it shows there are also negative impacts of marriage and it can create hassle for people. However, one of those who agreed marriage is still necessary

today said "marriage is still necessary in today's society because it gives a security for children. It gives people financial and emotional support. Due to women taking time off work to have and raise children, men often have more money in their pension which married couples share." I also agree with this statement because marriage can help people financially and it can also benefit children to have married parents.

#### Religious viewpoint:

Christians believe that marriage is a gift from God and it should not be taken for granted. A Christian would say that one of the main reasons for marriage is to have children, they say couples should save sex for marriage, therefore they cannot have children until they are married. They believe marriage shows a true commitment between two people and two become one. For example in the Bible it quotes ~~Mark 10:6-9~~ "But at the beginning of creation God made them male and female for this reason a man will leave his father and mother and will be reunited with his wife." (Mark 10:6-9) these are some of the reasons why Christians believe marriage is still necessary in today's society. However some Christians, including Liberal Christians believe that marriage is not necessary in order to show love, kindness and compassion towards someone. They believe people do not need the official union and it is more about the emotions and actions they show within the relationship.

#### Non-religious viewpoint:

Utilitarians always believe in the greatest good for the greatest number in any situation. If two people love each other ~~are~~, are totally committed to one another and are not harming anyone else, then this should be acceptable. Utilitarians always ~~agree~~ agree with what makes the majority of people happy rather than unhappy. They usually focus on the outcome of people's actions and this decides whether they agree or disagree with it as the actions impacts others around them in a good or bad way. Regarding marriage, the Utilitarian view depends on how much of an impact marriage has on being an act

of producing happiness. They do believe however that marriage is a security for children.

My view:

Having looked at information, I agree with the non-religious view on the relevance of marriage. I believe that as long as two people love each other and are not harming anyone else around them, marriage is not necessary. Many couples these days live together with their children and are unmarried, this suggests that many people believe marriage is no longer necessary. I believe that married and unmarried couples are treated very differently which I do not agree with. In Joe Walker's RMPS Morality & belief book it says "The Law is very clear: couples living together do not have the same rights as married couples and civil partners." In the years 2015/16 there were 9,943 divorces in Scotland, this shows an extremely large amount of people's marriages has ended in divorce and may make people think of the consequences that comes with that. However I do agree marriage gives people financial stability that unmarried couples do not have, for example if someone died who was in a relationship but unmarried died, the other person would not have the rights to property or pension etc. This would be different for married couples.

Conclusion:

In conclusion Christians believe marriage is still necessary because it shows true responsibility and commitment to someone and the only way to have kids is through marriage. Utilitarians believe that two people getting married makes most people happy rather than unhappy, marriage is still necessary otherwise they would disagree. In the survey I held it shows an overwhelming amount of 96% of people said marriage is no longer necessary in today's society. Overall, marriage is no longer necessary in today's society because there are many negative impacts of marriage that can affect people in many different ways.