

Candidate 3 evidence

Religious, Moral and Philosophical Studies National 5 Resource Sheet			
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This independence can lead to a more beneficial and fulfilling connection. • giving guidance and support when finding the right partner. • 4.3 million muslims • adapt with western cultures while practising Islam • numerous marriages in the UK each year end in a divorce along with 'boyfriend-girlfriend' relationships breaking down • validation • worthy • mutually interact • conflict between partners parent • if my partner disliked, heartbreaking. • influenced marriage • don't truly want • incompatibility incredible risk • good muslim expectations • chosen day to day • speaking up • child's choice • 40%-50%USDR • astlepaterson.co.uk • (42%)UKDR • 4%WWMDR • forever • thoughtful approach • "when you 'intend to' divorce women, then divorce them with concern for their waiting period and count it accurately"-Quran 65: 1, women no divorce • weak base • unrealistic,honeymoon,divide • disregarding pragmatic\$ • 6,time, • family=high chance work out, emotion=lack trust <p>"Arranged marriage in Islam, is better than love marriage in the west." To what extent do you agree?</p>			

In this essay I will aim to discuss about love marriage in the west and arranged marriage in Islam. The idea of love marriage is that partners marry out of pure love and attraction, this is usually when people decide to 'tie the knot'. This independence can lead to a more beneficial and fulfilling connection. The second type of marriage is arranged marriage which is also sometimes known as 'introduction marriage' or 'assisted marriage' This is when parents play a role in the child's search to find a spouse by giving guidance and support when finding the right partner, sometimes parents have planned to try an arranged marriage with their children since they were young. However, do not get this confused with forced marriage as during an arranged marriage the child has to fully consent and always gets the final say, forced marriage in Islam is typically very frowned upon by a majority of Islamic communities.

This is relevant because there are 4.3 million Muslims living in the UK meaning they have to adapt to western cultures while still practising Islam. Numerous marriages in the UK each year end in a divorce along with 'boyfriend-girlfriend' relationships breaking down. It is proven that very few arranged marriages in Islam end in divorce, could arranged marriages in Islam be something the west learns to lower divorce rates?

There are many benefits and disadvantages for arranged marriage, one benefit is that your parents will already know each other. You can firmly know that you have validation from your in-laws as they have deemed you worthy of their child's time and love. Both parties' parents should already be able to at least mutually interact with one another. In love marriages we can sometimes see conflict arising between partners and their in-laws as they may not approve of their child's spouse. I think that this benefits marriages greatly as I know the importance of both my family and my partner and if they disliked each other, it would be heart breaking.

One disadvantage of arranged marriage is the pressure to conform to familial expectations. A child could be in the position where they are influenced to marry a partner they don't truly want which can create an incredible risk of incompatibility. As a practicing Muslim has to always strive to be a 'good Muslim' they may find that it is expected of them to have an arranged marriage which could cause disputes if the child has chosen someone in their day-to-day life, meaning a child could be scared to speak up in case they disappoint Allah or their parents. I think the likelihood of this is very low as parents should assure their child is 100% comfortable and that they fully understand that they get to decide if they want to pursue a life with a possible spouse.

'Till death do us part'

Another benefit of arranged marriages is their low divorce rates. The US divorce rates are between 40%-50%, along with that found on astlepaterson.co.uk is that divorce rates in the UK are at 42%. In comparison, world wide only 4% of Islamic marriages end in divorce. This proves that arranged marriages provide a 'forever kind of thing' as they have a more thoughtful approach to the marriage. However, in the Quran it states "when you 'intend to' divorce women, then divorce them with concern for their waiting period and count it accurately"-Quran 65:1, This quote mentions that 'you intend to divorce women' does this mean that women shouldn't file a divorce? Meaning that could be a reason the divorce rates are so low.

One disadvantage of love marriage is that they can cause unrealistic expectations. Strong intense emotions fuel a love marriage but if both parties show a difference in emotional investment this can cause a weak base in the relationship. A lot of cases show that people believe that everything is good during the relationship part and that they should get married but they can quickly realise that after the 'honeymoon period' it can cause a great divide as they have disregarded pragmatic issues such as finance. They can also discover in the future they want different things. Now I am noting that no relationship or marriage will be perfect but it can be hard for people to take accountability and that is very key for a love marriage to keep thriving.

A good thing about love marriages is there is no time frame whereas in Islam it only takes 6 months to get married, this consists of: exchange of information, discussing logistics and then begins an engagement period. Many may believe this is not enough time to decide whether someone is your 'forever person'. During a love marriage you do not have a time frame meaning you don't have the pressure to rush and get married. In my opinion I agree that 6 months is not enough time to decide whether you love someone enough to get married to them as I don't believe you'll have connected with them on an emotional level yet fully.

In conclusion I agree that arranged marriage in Islam is better than love marriage in the west because if the families get along there is a higher chance of the marriage working out, if the families don't get along it could cause conflict in the relationship also. One reason I decided against love marriages is because a difference in emotional investment can create a lack of trust and create a tense atmosphere if one party is putting in more effort than the other.