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SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY
MIN 322: CHRISTIAN MARRIAGE AND FAMILY
APRIL TRIMESTER 2022
LECTURER: JOYCE MUASA
TIME: 2 HOURS
FINAL EXAM (60%)

OF THE FIVE QUESTIONS GIVEN BELOW, CHOOSE AND ATTEMPT ONLY THREE QUESTIONS. ALL QUESTIONS CARRY EQUAL MARKS.

1. (a) Compare and contrast the approach to marriage between the Hebrews and African Christian marriages (10 marks)
   (b) List other five types of marriages today which are not in harmony with biblical teaching and explain any two of them quoting scripture in your answer (10 marks)

2. (a) State the purpose of premarital counseling (2 marks)
   (b) Analyze the six sessions a Pastor can use to guide a couple who are contemplating marriage.(18 marks)

3. (a) Mention six reasons why God created sex for married couples (6 marks)
   (b) Explain three common sexual disorders in women (6 marks)
   (c) State only eight causes of the sexual disorders mentioned in No. 3 (b) above (8 marks)

4. Today, the media is full of reports concerning marital problems, separation and divorce.
   (a) Explain only five causes of divorce (10 marks)
   (b) Give ten characteristics of a healthy family (10 marks)

5. (a) Explain the responsibilities of a husband to his wife (10 marks)
   (b) Explain five problems that might arise in a family if the wife is the bread winner (10 marks)

MIN 322 MARKING SCHEME
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1. (a) Compare and contrast the approach to marriage between the Hebrews and African Christian marriages (10 marks)

Hebrew marriages	**African Christian marriages**
• **Was expected of all**	**- Was expected of all, though not mandatory**
• **Patriarchal society, so duty of fathers**	

to arrange son's marriage

- **Sometimes parents chose the bride and made the arrangements, e.g. Ishmael**
- **Other times the young man chose his bride and parents negotiated eg. Samson**
- **Sometimes the consent of the girl was asked e.g. Rebecca**

- Extra biblical accounts records occasions of arranged marriages even when they were still infants

- **Always children sought for the approval of parents**

- Those single in Church had just not found a partner
- Parents from both sides were supposed to write letters to Church
- Sometimes the young man and his parents chose the would be bride
- Other times the young man was assisted by his friends to choose
- Sometimes Churches would arrange marriage for girls who had taken refuge their for fear of circumcision.

(b) List other five types of marriages today which are not in harmony with biblical teaching and explain any two of them quoting scripture in your answer (10 marks)

- Trial marriages
- Homosexual marriages
- Interfaith marriages
- Inter-racial marriages
- Cohabiting
- Come we stay

2. (a) State the purpose of premarital counseling (2 marks)

It is mainly preventive, focuses on education and information

(b) Analyze the six sessions a Pastor can use to guide a couple who are contemplating marriage.(18 marks)

a. Session 1:

Encourage the couple to talk about themselves:
Their Christian faith; their backgrounds and interests

b. Session 2:

- **Discuss the Biblical view of marriage; God's plan and purpose for marriage: origin, purposes and permanence (Gen. 2:18-25; Matt. 19:3-9).**

c. Sessions 3:

- **Compatibility – differences and similarities between the two; how to live with their differences; personality types.**
- **Roles and responsibilities; Financial stewardship**

d. Session 4:

- **Relationship with in-laws – parent's attitudes towards their marriage**
- **Children – their attitudes about children; discipline; childlessness.**

e. Session 5:
- **Sexual Intimacy**
- **Communication and conflict management**

f. Session 6:
- **Discuss the wedding ceremony, the legal requirements, the reception and costs, the honeymoon.**
- **Arrange for a follow-up session about three months after the wedding.**

3 (a) Mention six reasons why God created sex for married couples (6 marks)

-For propagation of the human race (procreation) – Gen. 1:28
-For enjoyment (Prov. 5:18-20). To provide mutual pleasure in marriage
-For relaxing the nervous system. Male and female nervous system is intrinsically tied to the reproductive organs, and sex contributes a much needed relaxant for it (LaHaye, 46).
-To reduce sexual temptation (I Cor. 7:1-4).
-To produce mutual ownership (I Cor. 7:3-4) Apostle Paul is saying that marriage is also giving one's body to the other and it is sealed by the sexual experience.
-To produce a unique union and means of communion that is not possible on any other level (Matt. 19:5)

(b) Explain three common sexual disorders in women (6 marks)

Lack of sexual arousal; Lack of orgasm; Vaginismus

(c) State only eight causes of the sexual disorders mentioned in No. 3 (b) above (8 marks)

- **A man who does not provide**
- **Fear of pregnancy**
- **Fear of STI's**
- **Anger or hostility towards men**
- **Ineffective sexual techniques**
- **Poor communication**
- **Lack of intimacy**
- **Pain during intercourse**
  - **Rape**
  - **Psychological problems**
  - **Fear of size of penis**
  - **Religious orthodoxy**

4. Today, the media is full of reports concerning marital problems, separation and divorce.

(a) Explain only five causes of divorce (10 marks)

i) **Sexual unfaithfulness.**
ii) Desertion.

iii) Incompatibility.
iv) Social sanctions.
v) Immature attitudes.
vi) Persisting stresses.

(b) Give ten characteristics of a healthy family (10 marks)

(1) It communicates and listens.
(2) It affirms and supports one another.
(3) It teaches respect for others.
(4) It develops a sense of respect.
(5) It has a sense of play and humor.
(6) It exhibits a sense of shared responsibility.
(7) It teaches a sense of right and wrong.
(8) It has a strong sense of family in which rituals and traditions abound.
(9) It has a balance of interaction among members.
(10) It has a shared religious core.
(11) It respects the privacy of one another.
(12) It values service to others.
(13) It fosters family table time and conversation.
(14) It shares leisure time.
(15) It admits and seeks help when problems come up

5. (a) Explain the responsibilities of a husband to his wife (10 marks)

1. To love her

As he loves himself
As Christ loved the Church
By being kind to her
Providing for wife
Protecting her
Helping with home chores
Love by opening himself to her

2. To lead her.

Lead by spending a lot of time with her
Lead by example
In a gentle and kind manner

(b) Explain five problems that might arise in a family if the wife is the bread winner (10 marks)

- **This can cause inferiority feelings from the husband and hence a neglect of his role as the head of the family.**
- **On the other hand the wife may feel superior to her husband and fail to submit**
- **Both may feel embarrassed for husband inability to support**
- **The husband may resent his successful wife, while on the other hand the wife may resent his idleness.**

- **The husband may feel jealous because traditionally women owned no property**
- **A wife may give propriety to work rather than husband and children**
- **Traditionally wives depended on their husband fro financial support but today working women are independent and this can cause conflict in the home.**