

19. Christian approach to, sexuality, marriage and family.

1. (a) *Effects of irresponsible sexual behaviours are:-*
- *Promotes the spread of STI's*
 - *Increase mental disorders*
 - *Incase of single parenthood*
 - *May lead to unwanted pregnancy and eventually abortion*
 - *May cause death if disease is not curable*
 - *Leads to disagreements*
 - *Leads to divorce/separation if practiced in marriage* (6x1=6mks)
- (b) *Christians demonstrate responsible parenthood by:-*
- *Understanding parental roles/responsibilities; husbands are expected to play their role as fathers of their children*
 - *Educating children n all aspects of life*
 - *Reaching/training children n religious matters*
 - *Helping their children to grow physically/socially/psychologically and emotionally*
 - *Helping children to develop intellectually by providing opportunities for them to learn*
 - *Teaching morals/right behaviour to their children*
 - *Teaching children how to relate to one another as brother and sisters among other relatives*
 - *Teaching them social and civic responsibilities*
 - *Being hardworking so that they are able to provide for the needs of their families*
 - *Parents should also remember not to discriminate against any of their children*
 - *Showing understanding /tolerance to their children*
2. (a) *Why traditional families were encouraged to have many children.*
- *Many children are regarded as a sign of wealth.*
 - *Many children are an economic asset as they provide labour, e.g in the farms.*
 - *Many children are source of prestige or recognition in the society.*
 - *Many children especially girls bring more wealth to the family through bride wealth.*
 - *Many sons are a source of security to the family as they provide warriors.*
 - *Sons inherit their father's property especially land.*
 - *Many children take care of their parents in old*
 - *Children ensure the perpetuation of a family and community life.*
 - *Many children are viewed as a sign of blessings from God, it shows one is at peace with God and ancestral spirits.*
 - *To give the family security in case some children die due to epidemics and other uncontrollable circumstances.*
 - *Many children were a source of happiness and fulfillment in marriage.* (8 x 1 = 8 mks)
- (b) *Give reasons why divorce is discouraged in Christian marriages.*
- *It undermines original purpose of marriage in the creation account where it's intended to be permanent.*
 - *Its sacred – God's gift to human beings hence must be permanent.*
 - *It's a symbol of Christ and his church. So it a sacred union intended to honour and glorify God.*

- *It brings insecurity to the children by disrupting family life, the basic unit of society.*
- *It creates tension and bitterness between the parties involved due to feeling of humiliation, betrayed and distrust.*
- *Marriage is a total surrender of one partner to the other but divorce implies taking away what one has surrendered to the other separating what God has put together.*
- *Jesus' and Paul's teachings show that they disapprove of divorce.*
- *Jesus said the Mosaic Law allowed divorce because of human weaknesses. He maintained that what God put together, let no man put asunder.*

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3. a) *Christian teaching on human sexuality*
- i. *God created both male and female*
 - ii. *Created the two for companionship*
 - iii. *Both share in the image of God*
 - iv. *Both become one in marriage*
 - v. *Sexual intercourse is sacred and life giving*
 - vi. *Both play complimentary roles*
 - vii. *Human beings have the ability to control their sexual desires*
- b) *Factors that have led Kenyans to remain unmarried today*
- i. *Too demanding careers e.g. armed forces, sea captains*
 - ii. *Fear of responsibility*
 - iii. *Physical defeats e.g. impotence/ HIV / AIDS*
 - iv. *Low income/ unemployment/ economic constraints*
 - v. *Desire to pursue education/ research*
 - vi. *Some prefer single parenthood*
 - vii. *Failure to find suitable partner for marriage*
 - viii. *Some men fear highly educated women*
 - ix. *Exploitative/ commercialized dowry- feared by men*
 - x. *Lack of guidance and counseling on the importance of marriage institution*
 - xi. *Disappointing previous relations e.g. broken engagement lead to mistrust*
 - xii. *Traumatic life experiences e.g. rape, incest may discourage girls from getting married*
- c) *Christian view on abortion*
- i. *It is equated to murder which is forbidden by God (Exodus 20:13)*
 - ii. *Life is sacred / it belongs to God*
 - iii. *No one has a right to destroy life. It is God who gives/ it is him who takes it away*
 - iv. *The church has responsibility to provide counseling the victim of abortion so as to overcome depression*
 - v. *Some churches allow abortion if the life of the mother is danger*
4. a) *Christian understanding of family*
- i. *Ordained by God*

- ii. *Monogamous*
- iii. *Complete with or without children*
- iv. *It is the basic unit of a community*
- v. *Headed by husbands*
- vi. *Divorce is discouraged*
- vii. *Husband and wife play complementary while as partners*
- viii. *Nuclear*

5 (a) *seven reasons why pre-marital pregnancies were rare in Traditional African Communities*

- *The children born out of wedlock/marriage were killed*
- *The children born out of marriages were abandoned*
- *Virginity was highly valued in some communities*
- *There were established separate activities for boys and girls*
- *Sex offenders fired/punished*
- *Adults especially elders, acted as role models*
- *Early marriages were recounted to control the urge of sex*
- *Girls who got pregnant were forced to marry old men /became second wives*
- *Sex education was given to the youth from an early age to guide and counsel them*
- *Leisure activities involving boys and girls were supervised by elders*
- *Some communities practiced female circumcision*

(b) *seven causes of prostitution in Kenya today*

- *Drunkard ness and drug abuse*
- *Peer influence*
- *Inadequate role models*
- *Idleness/lack of employment*
- *Urbanization*
- *Poverty*
- *Irresponsible parenting*
- *Loss of traditional values leading to permissiveness*
- *Long separation of spouse or divorce*
- *Lack of guidance and counseling*
- *Sickness/ill health of one partner*
- *Negative foreign influence of contraceptives*
- *Lack of self control*
- *Desire for money*
- *Influence of mass media/pornography*

(c) *six ways in which Christian youths can deal with the temptation of having before marriage*

- *Use the power of prayer to overcome temptation*
- *Avoid staying alone especially in the dark with a person of opposite sex*

- *Go for guidance and counseling from church leaders*
 - *Choosing the right friends*
 - *Choosing right leisure activities*
 - *Reading the bible for enlightenment and encouragement*
 - *Read literature on human sexuality to remove ignorance*
 - *Obeying God's command of keeping ones body pure until marriage*
 - *Avoiding arousing each other e.g. kissing*
 - *Always dressing decently*
 - *Avoiding watching pornography*
6. a) *Eight causes of single parenthood (8mks)*
- *death of spouse*
 - *divorce*
 - *separation*
 - *profession that require too much attention*
 - *unfulfilled family expectation/financial constraints*
 - *health problems*
 - *infidelity/unfaithfulness*
 - *rape cases*
 - *affirmative action/parity*
 - *children got out of wedlock*
 - *imprisonment for along period of time*
- b) *seven reasons why the Christians church is against abortion*
- *life is sacred and belongs to God*
 - *abortion endangers the life of the mother*
 - *abortion denies the unborn baby the right to life*
 - *abortion is a misuse of the gift of sex and violate the sanctity of human life*
 - *abortion will be turned into trade by unethical doctors*
 - *may lead to regrets and psychological torture*
 - *may lead to permanent sterility*
7. (a) *Christian teachings on human are;-*
- ◆ *Human sexuality originates from God/God created both male and female*
 - ◆ *Man and woman were created for companionship*
 - ◆ *Male and female complements each other in their reproductive functions*
 - ◆ *Sexual intercourse is sacred/ it is a gift from God*
 - ◆ *Virginity is highly valued*
 - ◆ *Both male and female are created in the image of God*
 - ◆ *The union of male and female is consummated in marriage/man and woman became one in marriage*

- ◆ *Male and female should live in harmony by respecting each other /should regard each other as equal*
- ◆ *Male and female should procreate/fulfill God's command to multiply*
- ◆ *Sexual deviation is condemned e.g. homosexuality/lesbianism/ adultery, sodomy*

(b) Six reasons why pre-marital sex was rare in the Traditional African Communities are:

- ◆ *Early marriages were arranged to control sexual urge*
- ◆ *Some communities practiced female circumcision*
- ◆ *Free mixing of boys and girls*
- ◆ *Virginitly was highly valued*
- ◆ *There were established separate activities for boys and girls*
- ◆ *sex offenders punished/fined*
- ◆ *Adults especially elders acted as role models*
- ◆ *Girls who got pregnant before marriage were forced to marry old men (6x1=6mk)*

(c) Seven factors that undermine marriage in Kenya today are:

- ◆ *Failed marriages/poor role models*
- ◆ *Infidelity/unfaithfulness*
- ◆ *Commercialization of bride-price*
- ◆ *Western influence/culture*
- ◆ *Demanding careers*
- ◆ *Western education/formal education*
- ◆ *Substance abuse*
- ◆ *Presence of HIV/AIDS pandemic*

8. *Seven Christian teachings on the family.*
- i. Instituted by God through marriage.*
 - ii. Monogamous.*
 - iii. Related by blood, marriage/adoption.*
 - iv. Man is head.*
 - v. Takes care and upkeep of orphans widows.*
 - vi. Offers emotional support/security to the children n.*
 - vii. Governed by principles of love and respect*
 - viii. Complete with/without children.*
 - ix. Parents have a duty to introduce their children to worship of God.*
 - x. Children have to obey their parents/Respect.*

Husband/wife play complementary roles.