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## **ABSTRACT**

Issue of marriage is important as it is a main concern of people nowadays. As people nowadays are busy with their own responsibility towards their jobs. They tend to have no time for looking for their partners and lead to late marriage especially among people who are workaholic. Both boys and girls who are too focused with their work, until there is a level they neglect their own need until one stage, they are not getting married. This issue has become a main concern for our study. We did some research, collected relevant information and analyzed it until we came out with the result. The main objectives of our research are to determine the factors that may influence the students to get married whether at the early age, middle age or later. To identify the suitable age in getting married and to suggest on the early preparation for any couple to decide when they should get married. In order to understand these, we have distributed about hundred and twenty questionnaires to students of Faculty Administrative Science and Policies Study (FSPPP) from the beginning of Part 4 until Part 6 which include students of Diploma in Public Administration in UITM Sarawak. From the findings then we found out that the main factor is to determine the factors that may influence the students to get married whether at the early age, middle age or later is love as according to the result there is 50.8% chose love. The second factor is attitude. Second objective is to identify the suitable age in getting married and to suggest on the early preparation for any couple to decide when they should get married, the result that can be obtained from the table where the perception of the part 4, 5, and 6 students of Diploma in Public Administration towards the age of marriage is between the age on 27- 31 years old. This group of age is considered as the later age. Among the factors that influence the age of marriage are, pregnancy and birth, career and financial security, custom, sexual issue, individual choice and lastly law. so, the findings that we report can be used as a guideline for university students in deciding their marriage..

## CHAPTER 1

### INTRODUCTION

#### **1.1 BACKGROUND OF STUDY**

Generally marriage has been known as the state of being husband and wife which includes not only a grand wedding and reception but also huge commitment and responsibilities for the partner. It is considered as an agreement between the man and woman where includes taking vows, promise to love and cherish one another and stay together through sickness and health, for better and for worse. This agreement includes sexual faithfulness, and a promise that each person will do what they can to make the other one happy. Marriage is not only an agreement of two people or a couple but as well as a covenant between them and God. Therefore, most wedding are performed in churches, mosques, temple and many more religious institutions. (<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/marriage>)

They get married for various reasons such as to declare their love in front of the public, to fulfill the expectations of family, emotion, social status and a lot more. However they may have not fully understands what is underneath the meaning of marriage as the level of maturity of individuals is differing from each other. Hence, the age of marriage is largely subjective for each people according to their thoughts and mind. Level of maturity could not only define by someone age but also the way they think and react over some situations as well as how they view things. First marriage does not have any specific age and individuals have their own choice of age to get married whether in early age, middle group of age or maybe later. Thus, they may have own advantages and disadvantages in every group of age they are in. (<http://marriage101.org/definition-of-marriages>)

Early marriage is basically referring to a group of age 16 to 21 years old for both man and woman. The problem of getting married in this group of age is that they may have not matured enough to understand what the purpose of marriage is. They are commonly teenagers