**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*

1. *God created both male and female*
2. *Created the two for companionship*
3. *Both share in the image of God*
4. *Both become one in marriage*
5. *Sexual intercourse is sacred and life giving*
6. *Both play complimentary roles*
7. *Human beings have the ability to control their sexual desires*

*b) Factors that have led Kenyans to remain unmarried today*

1. *Too demanding careers e.g. armed forces, sea captains*
2. *Fear of responsibility*
3. *Physical defeats e.g. impotence/ HIV / AIDS*
4. *Low income/ unemployment/ economic constraints*
5. *Desire to pursue education/ research*
6. *Some prefer single parenthood*
7. *Failure to find suitable partner for marriage*
8. *Some men fear highly educated women*
9. *Exploitative/ commercialized dowry- feared by men*
10. *Lack of guidance and counseling on the importance of marriage institution*
11. *Disappointing previous relations e.g. broken engagement lead to mistrust*
12. *Traumatic life experiences e.g. rape, incest may discourage girls from getting married*

*c) Christian view on abortion*

1. *It is equated to murder which is forbidden by God (Exodus 20:13)*
2. *Life is sacred / it belongs to God*
3. *No one has a right to destroy life. It is God who gives/ it is him who takes it away*
4. *The church has responsibility to provide counseling the victim of abortion so as to overcome depression*
5. *Some churches allow abortion if the life of the mother is danger*

*4. a) Christian understanding of family*

* 1. *Ordained by God*
  2. *Monogamous*
  3. *Complete with or without children*
  4. *It is the basic unit of a community*
  5. *Headed by husbands*
  6. *Divorce is discouraged*
  7. *Husband and wife play complementary while as partners*
  8. *Nuclear*

1. *(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 f 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 lie of the mother*
* *abortion denies the unborn baby the tight 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 methical 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*
* *Virginity 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.*

1. *Instituted by God through marriage.*
2. *Monogamous.*
3. *Related by blood, marriage/adoption.*
4. *Man is head.*
5. *Takes care and upkeep of orphans widows.*
6. *Offers emotional support/security to the children n.*
7. *Governed by principles of love and respect*
8. *Complete with/without children.*
9. *Parents have a duty to introduce their children to worship of God.*
10. *Children have to obey their parents/Respect.*

*Husband/wife play complementary roles.*