Marriage in Islam
What Quran says about Marriage

1. Lawful unto you in marriage are not only chaste women who are believers but chaste women among the people of the Book revealed before your time (surah 5, verse 6)

2. Do not marry women idolaters until they believe (surah 2, verse 221)

3. And Allah has made for you your mates of your own nature, and made for you out of them, sons and daughters, and provide for you the best sustenance (surah 16, verse 72)

4. And among His signs is this, that He created for you mates from among yourselves, that dwell in tranquillity with them, and He has put love and mercy between your hearts. Undoubtedly in these are the signs for those who reflect. (surah 30, verse 21)

Marriage in Islam
Sayings of the Prophet (PBUH)

The Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) said:

1. O young people! Whoever among you is able to marry, should marry, and whoever is not able to marry, is recommended to fast, as fasting will diminish his sexual power.
(Reported by Alqama - Bukhari)

2. A woman is married for four things, i.e. her wealth, her family, her beauty, and her religion. So you should marry the religious woman otherwise you will be a loser.
(Reported by Abu Huraira -Bukhari)

3. When a man marries he has fulfilled half the religion
(Reported by Anas - Mishkat)

Marriage in Islam
Prohibited Marriage Partners

A Muslim man must never marry the following:

1. His mother
2. His step-mother
3. His grandmother
4. His daughter
5. His sister
6. His father's sister
7. His mother's sister
8. His brother's daughter
9. His sister's daughter
10. His foster-mother
11. His foster-mother's sister
12. His foster-sister
13. His wife's mother
14. His step-daughter (i.e. a daughter by a former husband of a woman he has married and which marriage has been consummated.)
15. His biological son's wife

Marriage in Islam
Prohibited Marriage Partners
(Temporary Prohibitions)

A Muslim man must not marry the following:

1. Two sisters as wives at the same time
2. A woman and her aunt as wives at the same time
3. A woman who is already married
4. More than four wives at one time
5. A woman during her Iddah (period of waiting)

Marriage in Islam
Marital Obligations
Obligations of a husband

1. To protect his wife.
2. To maintain her.
3. To pay her dower (Mahar) to her.
4. To grant her conjugal rights so that she does not become dissatisfied with the marriage.
5. To treat her with affection and kindness.
6. To allow her to visit her parents.
7. Not to obstruct her in the performance of her religious duties.
8. To divorce her when he has no further inclination towards her.

Marriage in Islam
Marital Obligations
Obligations of a wife

1. To look after the domestic comforts of her husband.
2. To be respectful and faithful to him.
3. To grant him conjugal rights at all reasonable times.
4. To make herself attractive to him.
5. To breast feed her children during the prescribed period of time if so desired by her husband.
6. To bring up her children properly.

Marriage in Islam
Mixed Marriages (Disparity of Cult)

The Law of Islam permits a Muslim male to marry a Muslim, Jewish or Christian woman. This is enshrined in the Holy Quran in Surah 5 Verse 5.

Today all the good things of life have been made lawful to you and the food of those who have received revelation (Christians and Jews) before you is lawful to you and your food is lawful to them. And it is lawful for you to take in marriage chaste women who are Muslims, and chaste women who are of the People of the book.

The jurists have unanimously interpreted this verse to give Muslim men the right to engage in mixed marriages with Jewish or Christian women. Its silence about women in this respect is taken by Scholars as evidence that women are not allowed to marry non-Muslims. There is no Muslim school of thought of any standing which takes the view that Muslim women are permitted to marry non-Muslim men.

Marriage in Islam
Mixed Marriages (Disparity of Cult)

We usually do not encourage mixed marriages for Muslims. Differences in religion can cause problems in marriage. Marriage is a very difficult relationship at best and adding burdens can cause married couples to experience some difficulties. A home divided over religion is also not a stable environment for children who may feel torn between the mother and father on the matter of their beliefs. We advise young couples in love from different religions or even different schools of law within Islam to think again and to agree on a one religion home not out of bigotry but common sense.

Marriage in Islam
Mixed Marriages
Conditions and undertaking

A Muslim man marrying a Christian or a Jew woman is, by the laws of Shariah, required to undertake the following responsibilities:-

1. He, under any circumstances, will not force his wife to become a Muslim

2. He, by way of his honesty, observance and steadfastness, will always present the positive aspects of Islam to his wife and fulfil his obligation of Dawah towards her.

3. He will ensure that nothing contrary to the laws of the Shariah, happens in the matrimonial home.

4. He will also ensure that the children of the marriage are properly brought up as Muslims

Marriage in Islam
Requirement of Free Consent

The Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) said:

1. "A matron [previously married woman] should not be given in marriage except after consulting her; and a virgin should not be given in marriage except after her permission." The people asked, "O Allah's Messenger! How can we know her permission?" He said, "Her silence indicates her permission."
(Reported by Abu Huraira - Bukhari)

2. Khamsa daughter of Khidam narrated that her father gave her in marriage and she disliked that marriage [i.e. marriage without her permission]. So she went to Allah's Messenger and he declared that marriage invalid.
(Reported by Bukhari)

Marriage in Islam
The ceremony according to the Sunnah of the Prophet
(Peace Be Upon Him)

1. In order that problems should not arise after marriage, The prophet (pbuh) recommended that in the selection of his bride/her bridegroom, men and women should see meet each other briefly and with the custom restrictions, so that any blindness of choice may not defeat the very purpose of marriage.

2. This "seeing" should not be taken as a substitute for the courtship of the West.

3. Parents and elders should be involved in the ceremony because, after all an Islamic Marriage Is the foundation of the family.

4. The bride and groom must be competent to marry.

5. There should be IJAB (the proposal) and the QABUL (the acceptance) in the presence of two witnesses.

Marriage in Islam
The ceremony according to the Sunnah of the Prophet
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6. The dowry must be agreed.

7. It is MUSTAHAB (commendable) to give a KUTBAH (sermon) before the marriage rites are performed.

8. the prophet (pbuh) also used to make DUA after the solemnisation of a marriage.

9. The bridegroom should host a marriage feast (WALIMAH) on the day following the marriage.

10. There should be no extravagance in the feast. It should be as simple as possible.