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ABSTRACT

The present research was conducted to study difference in marriage systems and success in marriages in Pakistan. To conduct the scientific analysis of research the marriage systems were divided into three categories i.e. "Totally Arranged marriages" "Partially Arranged and Partially Love marriages" and "Totally Love Marriages". The success of marriage was determined by the outcome of marriage. The fates of "Partially Arranged and Partially Love Marriages" and "Totally Arranged Marriages" were compared with the fate of "Totally Love Marriages".

A total number of 300 married individuals participated in the study. A standardized interview form was constructed in order to find out the results of the marriages in Pakistan and to collect some biographical information from the individuals. Divorce and Separation were taken as the criteria for unsuccessful marriages and length (individuals who were currently living together and have been happily married for more than five years) of marriages was taken as a criterion for successful marriages.

A chi-square test was computed for the statistical analysis of the data.

The research findings provide the evidence that "Partially Arranged and Partially Love Marriages" and "Totally Arranged Marriages" are successful as compared to "Totally Love Marriages". It was also found that "Totally love marriages" are unsuccessful in upper economic and educated groups of Pakistan as the number of successful marriages in upper economic and educated groups of Pakistan were high if the marriages were based on the system of "Partially Arranged and Partially love marriages". Furthermore, the analysis of data also provides a slight clue that even in the families of working women of Pakistan the love marriages are not successful.