

**Multiple Choice**

Identify the letter of the choice that best completes the statement or answers the question.

1. Frank and Mary Browning live in Georgia and have two children. Frank and Mary never had a formal ceremony but have presented themselves to the public as husband and wife for eight years. (Georgia law allows common-law marriage.) What is the status of their children?
- Their children are illegitimate and have no legal rights.
  - Their children are legitimate and have the same rights as other children.
  - Their children are illegitimate but have the same legal rights as other children.
  - Their children will only be considered legitimate and have legal rights in Georgia.
2. Paul and Kathy have been married for three years. Having children is very important to Kathy. Paul agreed before marriage to have children, but now admits that he never intended to have children. What are the legal ramifications?
- Kathy does not have legal grounds for annulment because she stayed married to Paul longer than a year.
  - Paul has grounds for divorce because he does not want children.
  - Kathy has grounds for an annulment based on fraud because Paul lied when he agreed before their marriage to have children.
  - Neither Paul nor Kathy has grounds for a divorce or an annulment because they stayed married.
3. Jim and Judy are uncle and niece, who met each other for the first time last year. Judy is 18 and Jim is 25. They decide to get married. Judy has a blood test, and she and Jim get a license and are married in a church ceremony. Do Jim and Judy have a valid marriage?
- No, because Judy is too young
  - Yes, because they were issued a license
  - Yes, because they had a church wedding
  - No, because uncle and niece are too closely related
4. A court may not allow for an annulment in which of the following situations?
- Frank forces Fred to marry his daughter.
  - Gwen lies about her ability to have children before marrying Kevin.
  - Wanda and Leroy were both 16 years old and did not have their parents' permission.
  - Martha lied about her salary, overstating it by \$5,000.
5. A contract between unmarried couples that outlines how they want to deal with money, property, or responsibilities is a(n)
- cohabitation agreement.
  - prenuptial agreement.
  - equitable distribution.
  - living will.

**Completion**

Complete each sentence or statement.

Complete each of the following statements with the appropriate choice below. Some choices are not used.

annulment	bigamy
common law	community property
incest	marriage
separation	separate property

- A legally recognized marriage without a formal ceremony or license is called a(n) \_\_\_\_\_ marriage.
- A court order declaring that a marriage never existed is a(n) \_\_\_\_\_.
- Property owned before the marriage or received as a gift is \_\_\_\_\_.
- \_\_\_\_\_ is the crime of trying to marry a person while already married to someone else.
- \_\_\_\_\_ is the legal relationship between two persons who agree to live together as husband and wife and go through a state sanctioned ceremony.

Write **Formal** in the blank if the statement applies to formal marriages, **Common-law** if it applies to common law marriages, or **Both** if it applies to both formal and common-law marriages.

11. Requires a divorce to be legally ended \_\_\_\_\_
12. Requires a marriage certificate \_\_\_\_\_
13. Cannot legally exist between persons who already have spouses \_\_\_\_\_
14. Requires a blood test \_\_\_\_\_
15. Legally permitted in all states \_\_\_\_\_
16. Legally recognized in all states \_\_\_\_\_
17. Requires a wedding ceremony \_\_\_\_\_
18. Requires both parties to consent \_\_\_\_\_
19. Spouse can inherit from deceased spouse even if there is no will \_\_\_\_\_
20. Spouse is entitled to survivor's benefits after the death of one of the parties \_\_\_\_\_
21. Created without government involvement \_\_\_\_\_

### Matching

Match each item with the correct statement below. Some items may not be used.

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|------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| a. bigamy              | e. same-sex partners                  |
| b. common-law marriage | f. prenuptial agreement               |
| c. palimony            | g. Violence Against Women Act of 1994 |
| d. protective order    | h. wedding ceremony                   |

22. court order to an abuser to stop abuse and take specific steps to provide safety to victims
23. Vermont permits civil unions for these couples
24. support payment from an unmarried partner to another after separation
25. requirement to get legally married in most states
26. sets forth certain rights and responsibilities of the husband and wife

### Short Answer

27. What is the difference between a formal marriage and a common-law marriage?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
28. Discuss the possible conflict between the human right to practice one's culture and the human right to marry.