MARRIAGE

Marriage is the union or relationship between a man and a woman who have become husband and wife. Factors to consider when choosing a marriage partner are *age*, *background*, *economic security*, *character*, *health* (e.g. genotype)*, love, compatibility*, *parental consent*.

Steps involved in Marriage

There are steps and forms marriage preparation takes before it is finally called marriage. The steps depend on culture and differ according to customs.

At first, the two persons involved have to see (meet) each other and develop interests.

Second, a sort of friendship develops. In this period the young man and woman move closely with each other and study themselves to see their compatibility level.

Third, they begin the wedding envision by getting engaged. For parents of the female they call this betrothal. It occurs after careful investigation by both parents the issues of compatibility. This takes place at the family house of the girl where both families will meet for the betrothal.

Fourth and final, is the wedding ceremony of the man and woman. During the wedding certain requirements would be met. There different kinds of wedding. They are *traditional, court, church or mosque wedding ceremonies*.