

CATHOLIC KNOWLEDGE BOWL QUESTIONS

Topic: Marriage, by Jennifer Vincent,

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1. Matrimonial _____ is an act of the will by which a man and a woman, through an irrevocable covenant, mutually give and accept each other in order to establish marriage.

- a. ascent
- b. consent
- c. dissent
- d. recent

Answer - B) The consent must be an act of the will of each of the contracting parties, free of coercion or grave external fear (Can. 1103).
CCC 1628

2. What feast does the Church see as a confirmation of the goodness of marriage by the sign of Christ's presence?

- a. Thanksgiving feast in America
- b. Eternal feast in heaven
- c. Wedding feast in Cana
- d. Passover feast in Jerusalem

Answer – C) The Church attaches great importance to Jesus' presence at the wedding at Cana. She sees in it the confirmation of the goodness of marriage and the proclamation that thenceforth marriage will be an efficacious sign of Christ's presence. **CCC 1613**

3. In his preaching, Jesus stated that permission was given by _____ to divorce one's wife as a concession to the hardness of hearts.

- a. Abraham
- b. the Church
- c. Pharisees
- d. Moses

Answer – D) In his preaching Jesus unequivocally taught the original meaning of the union of man and woman as the Creator willed it from the beginning: permission given by Moses to divorce one's wife was a concession to the hardness of hearts (Matt 19:8). **CCC 1614**

4. In order for the liturgical celebration of marriage to be worthy and fruitful, for the sanctification of the bride and groom, it is appropriate for them to receive the sacrament of _____ beforehand in preparation.

- a. Anointing
- b. Baptism
- c. Penance and Eucharist
- d. Confirmation

Answer – C) It is strongly recommended that those to be married approach the sacraments of penance and the Most Holy Eucharist so that they may fruitfully receive the sacrament of marriage. **Canon Law, 1065 §2:**

5. _____ is contrary to conjugal love which is undivided and exclusive.

- a. Monogamy
- b. Faithfulness
- c. Fidelity
- d. Polygamy

Answer – D) “The unity of marriage, distinctly recognized by our Lord, is made clear in the equal personal dignity which must be accorded to man and wife in mutual and unreserved affection.” Polygamy is contrary to conjugal love which is undivided and exclusive (***Familiaris consortio, #19***). **CCC 1645**

6. The **preferred setting**, for the celebration of marriage between two Catholic faithful, is

- a. a civil ceremony at a county courthouse.
- b. holy Mass in a church.
- c. exchange of vows in a majestic outdoor venue.
- d. a nuptial ceremony in a backyard.

Answer – B) In the Latin Rite the celebration of marriage between two Catholic faithful normally takes place during Holy Mass, because of the connection of all the sacraments with the Paschal mystery of Christ. (***Sacrosanctum concilium, #61***). **CCC 1621**

7. According to the Latin Tradition, who is considered to minister the sacrament of Marriage to the bride and groom?

- a. the assembly
- b. the priest

- c. the bride and groom
- d. the witnesses

Answer – C) According to the Latin tradition, the spouses as ministers of Christ's grace mutually confer upon each other the sacrament of Matrimony by expressing their consent before the Church. **CCC 1623**

8. The Christian home is known as “a community of grace and prayer, a school of human virtues and of Christian charity,” traditionally known as, the
- a. domestic church.
 - b. nuclear unit.
 - c. family school.
 - d. holy family.

Answer – A) The Christian home is the place where children receive the first proclamation of the faith. For this reason, the family is rightly called “the domestic church,” a community of grace and prayer, a school of human virtues and of Christian charity. **CCC 1666**

9. Parents are considered the _____ of the faith within the Christian life.
- a. ecclesial promoters
 - b. expert consultants
 - c. first teachers
 - d. only defenders

Answer – C) The fruitfulness of conjugal love extends to the fruits of the moral, spiritual, and supernatural life that parents hand on to their children by education. Parents are the principal and first educators of their children (**Gravissimum educationis, #3**). **CCC 1653**

10. When St. Paul said: “Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the Church...” he was pointing out the mystery of the divine love between _____.
- a. husbands and wives.
 - b. Mary and the Church.
 - c. Jesus and Mary.
 - d. Christ and the Church.

Answer – D) St. Paul said: “Husbands, love you wives, as Christ loved the Church.... This is a great mystery, and I mean in reference to Christ and the Church” (*Eph 5:25, 32*). **CCC 1659**

11. The sacramental grace of holy Matrimony enables couples to: perfect their love for each other, strengthen their marital bond, and _____.

- a. prepare themselves for life in heaven
- b. promote success in their careers
- c. acquire a level of contentment in their marriage
- d. pay off their debts

Answer – A) “... the grace of the sacrament [of Matrimony] thus perfects the human love of the spouses, strengthens their indissoluble unity, and sanctifies them on the way to eternal life (*cf. Council of Trent: DS 1799*).
CCC 1661

12. The two essential purposes of Christian marriage are _____.

- a. wealth and prestige
- b. works of virtue
- c. unitive and procreative
- d. artistic and spontaneous

Answer – C) Unity, indissolubility, and openness to fertility are essential to marriage. **CCC 1664**

13. A divorced Catholic who remains separated from their living, lawful spouse but does not remarry another spouse outside of the Catholic Church

- a. may not receive the sacraments of holy Communion and Penance.
- b. may receive the sacraments of holy Communion and Penance.
- c. may receive the sacrament of Penance but not holy Communion.
- d. may receive the sacrament of holy Communion but not Penance.

Answer – B) “The Church maintains that a new union cannot be recognized as valid, if the first marriage was. If the divorced are remarried civilly, they find themselves in a situation that objectively contravenes God’s law. Consequently, they cannot receive Eucharistic communion as long as this situation persists. For the same reason, they cannot exercise certain ecclesial responsibilities. Reconciliation through the sacrament of Penance can be granted only to those who have repented for having violated the sign of the covenant and of fidelity to Christ, and who are committed to living in complete continence. **CCC 1650**

14. In a Catholic marriage with disparity of cult (between a Catholic and a non-baptized person), the Catholic spouse promises to fulfill particular obligations:

- a. practicing his or her own faith and allowing their children to choose a religion for themselves.
- b. choosing a faith that the spouses will agree to upon and educating their children in that faith.

- c. practicing his or her own faith and baptizing and educating their children in the Catholic faith.
- d. renouncing his or her own faith and not instructing their children in any particular faith.

Answer – C) In case of disparity of cult an express dispensation from this impediment is required for the validity of the marriage. This permission or dispensation presupposes ... that the Catholic party confirms the obligations, ... of preserving his or her own faith and ensuring the baptism and education of the children in the Catholic Church (*CIC, can. 1125.*)
CCC 1635

15. When divorce is inevitable, the Church offers her support to the divorced faithful and encourages them to remain close to the Lord, especially through
- a. frequent reception of the sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick.
 - b. frequent reception of the sacrament of Holy Communion.
 - c. attendance but not participation in the Eucharistic celebration.
 - d. Christian counseling.

Answer – B) When divorce is the only possible recourse, the Church offers her support to those involved and encourages them to remain close to the Lord through frequent reception of the Sacraments, especially the Holy Eucharist. **United States Catholic Catechism for Adults, p. 287**

16. Not all married couples are able to have children. This truth _____ the spouses having a conjugal life full of meaning.
- a. prevents
 - b. does not prevent
 - c. is irrelevant to
 - d. warns

Answer – B) Spouses to whom God has not granted children can nevertheless have a conjugal life full of meaning, in both human and Christian terms. Their marriage can radiate a fruitfulness of charity, of hospitality, and of sacrifice. **CCC 1654**

17. The human love of a married couple will survive the challenges of the modern world more effectively when combined with _____ that is ever at their service.
- a. self-control
 - b. education
 - c. communication
 - d. Christ's love

Answer – D) Their human love will survive more effectively the cultural challenges they face, as well as the psychological and economic ones, when it is merged with the powerful love of Christ, who wants them to succeed and whose divine grace is ever at their service. **United States Catholic Catechism, p. 286**