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# ISLAMIC MARRIAGE CERTIFICATE

*This marriage has been solemnised in accordance with Islamic Law in the presence of the witnesses named below:*

**Groom's Name:**

Father's Name:

Address:

Date of Birth:

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**Imam/Officiant:**

Signature:

**Witness 1:**

Signature:

**Date:**

**Bride's Name:**

Father's Name:

Address:

Date of Birth:

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**Representative:**

Signature:

**Witness 2:**

Signature:

**Mahr:**

*The bride and groom undertake to act properly towards each other in their marital life, with compassion, love, mercy, and respect, in accordance with the teachings of the Qur'an and Sunnah.*

GROOM'S NAME:

SIGNATURE :



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BRIDE'S NAME:

SIGNATURE :



This certificate shows that a valid Islamic marriage (*nikah*) took place between the groom and the bride on the stated date. It is not evidence that the marriage is still standing. A marriage is broken by the husband uttering valid words of divorce or by the apostasy of either of the spouses.

**Important conditions for the validity of this marriage:**

- The bride and groom must be Muslim at the time of the offer and acceptance. If the bride was of another religion, a scholar should be consulted regarding the validity of such a marriage.
- The bride must not be in the marriage or *'iddah* (waiting period) of another man at the time of this marriage.
- The witnesses must be (at least) two Muslim males or one Muslim male and two Muslim females. They must hear the same offer and acceptance from the bride and groom (or their representatives). The witnesses must be sane and beyond the age of puberty.

**Important guidance on divorce:**

- No witnesses are necessary for a divorce to take place.
- A revocable divorce takes place by the husband uttering clear words of divorce audibly, such as "*talaq*" or "I divorce you" to his wife, or by saying "my wife is divorced" to himself or anyone else. The divorce will generally apply regardless of the husband's intention.
- In a revocable divorce, he has the right to take his wife back into his marriage during her *'iddah* period without having to renew the marriage contract.
- In the above, if the husband adds words to signify an irrevocable divorce, such as "you are irrevocably divorced", then an irrevocable divorce will occur.
- An irrevocable divorce also takes place by the husband uttering allusive words such as "get out of here", "I don't want to see you anymore", or "take your things and leave", if he intends divorce by such statements.
- In an irrevocable divorce, the marriage is terminated immediately - although the *'iddah* period will still need to be observed. The husband does not have the right to take his wife back in marriage, even during her *'iddah*, without her agreeing to renew the marriage.
- Three divorces are not required to end a marriage, contrary to common understanding. One divorce is more than sufficient to end a marriage.
- The husband has a maximum of three divorces at his disposal, whether the divorce given is revocable or irrevocable, or given all at once or separately.
- If three divorces occur, they will not be able to remarry each other except after the wife marries another man, consummates the marriage with him and then is divorced by him for some reason, or is widowed.
- For further clarification on divorce, consult with a scholar. Always do so before uttering any words of divorce to avoid regretful circumstances.

