

## ***Joint Family System and Current Society: Female Perception of Shaheed Benazir Bhutto Women University Peshawar and Women University Swabi***

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### **Abstract:**

*The Joint family system has a very important place in human life. Life cannot move ahead without it. Islam is a true and complete religion and it gives preference to live together (joint family system) in a society. And, it teaches human beings about every aspect of life, whether, it is related to moral ethics, economics, politics, or society. Further, it explains the rights of a husband over his wife and the rights of a wife upon her husband. It also specifies the rights of parents, children, and siblings. This system becomes complete with some people such as father, mother, husband, wife, sister (s), brother (s), daughter (s), son (s), and relatives. This research aimed to elucidate the joint family system along with contemporary society. Moreover, we have collected the opinions of the female students of Shaheed Benazir Bhutto Women University, Peshawar, and Women University Swabi through questionnaires to make strong the result of this research. As well as, the method of qualitative and quantitative have been selected for this research. The ten questions were filled by the students and the questionnaires were one hundred in numbers. We have shown different shapes to display the result of this manuscript, as most of the students of both universities responded that they like the joint family system. Parents are the blessing of Allah (SWT), therefore it is the wrong concept of admitting them in old houses. They are the most beloved personalities of their offspring. This is a reality that with time, the offspring has become disobedience and they do not take care of their old parents. In some cases, we are seeing in society that the daughter (s) in-laws consider their parents-in-laws a burden and they want to admit them in old houses. All these circumstances are the causes of the ignorance of Islamic teachings. Truly the joint family system is not an Islamic way of life. But this is a great way to look after the beloved relations and to save blood relations in society. There is a need for the time that we should follow the Islamic teachings and should give respect to our blood relations and other relations too.*

**Keywords:** *Islam, Contemporary society, Joint family system, Parents, Spouse, Siblings*

### **Introduction:**

Allah has bestowed the shelter of human beings on the earth to spend life, formed relationships among them, and related needs with each other. The series of families and societies have been released for the mutual introduction and have been provided with a perfect system of rights to human beings. All these things show that humans are interconnected and but there is also some distance among them. Humanity is committed to many social values and customs, and to a great extent independent in its private life too. If these two things are in balance, then home and society become a paradise and if the balance

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is broken, then home and society become the model of a hill. Human is naturally heteronormative, they want individuality even in harsh gatherings and he wants loneliness beside involving in various activities. Almighty Allah has created human beings, but a human has a weird nature. He wants to be alone, but even he does not live alone in society. Each person has his own identity, his taste, and temperament. He has his problems and needs, and anyone never wants to lose his identity at any point in his life and he can't ignore his tastes and personal problems for the sake of others. Every moderate person wants to be good to others, but he does not want to perish in his personality for others. The respect of humanity is essential, but it is the temperament of a human that he does not want to eradicate his privacy. He is willing to accept every color of the world, but he has also to maintain his distinction. Islam describes this same secret of the same mood, class, and family color of man that Almighty Allah has created different parties and families among human beings and they can be identified through these differences. <sup>(1)</sup>Islam is a peaceful and complete religion. The whole life of the Holy Prophet (PBUH) is the best example for all Muslims. The Islamic teachings advise Muslims to live with justice, equality, brotherhood, peace, and harmony in society. Further, Islam tells concerning the rights of parents, siblings, and relatives. Because all these relations make a family. This family converts in a family system and lastly, it changes in society. The environment of a society can be peaceful and pleasant at that time when all the relations will be given respect in society. Actually, parents are a precious gift of Almighty Allah and they are two doors of the heaven for their children. *Islam advises worshipping only Almighty Allah and good treatment with parents. If one of them reaches old age, then forbids to say a hard word for them.* <sup>(2)</sup>  
*Islam asks to take care of the rights of relatives, poor and traveler, and bans from spending wastefully.* <sup>(3)</sup>

The relation of husband and wife is a strong relation, its base is kept upon love, sincerity and affection. They are called two wheels of a cycle or a motorbike. Everyone is very important to each other. The role of siblings is also considered very significant. A brother is like a shelter for his sister (s). He protects his sister (s) from the storm of circumstances. A sister is a loving personality of her family and especially her brother (s). Really each relation has an important position in human life. But we are seeing disrespect for these relations in society, unfortunately. The respect, sincerity and love are reduced in the relation of parents, siblings and spouse (husband and wife) in contemporary society and we find a totally different situation. Each person is busy with his/her own individual life, and he/she has ignored the significance and benefits of a joint family system. Further, many disasters can be seen in morality and blood relations in the present arena, as parents are admitted in old houses, disobedience in children, neglecting the blood relations etc. All these things told us that we have ignored Islamic teachings and we are going towards destruction by the passage of time. At this stage, we need to protect our lives, hence, we should follow the Islamic teachings concerning every aspect of life and specially to live together in society. Then we will be able to make our lives peaceful and pleasant. We tried to know the prevailing situation in society regarding the joint family system with the help of the views of the female students of Shaheed Benazir Bhutto Women University, Peshawar and Women University Swabi. After the collection of the views of students, we analyzed the gathered data to display the result via different shapes.

### **Methodology**

The base of the present study is on field-work and library research. Therefore, in this selected research, we used the method of qualitative and quantitative. The views of the female students of

Shaheed Benazir Bhutto Women University, Peshawar, and Women University Swabi were taken in the form of questionnaires, which was one hundred in numbers, regarding the joint family system and contemporary society. All the views of students were analyzed in different graphs to display the result of this manuscript.

### **The pagan Arab and Joint Family System**

When we have a close look back upon a history before the advent of Islam. Numerous incidences unveil in front of us concerning the awful and unpleasant behavior of a woman. She did not have respect as a mother, a sister, a wife, and a daughter in ignorant days and was considered less than animals. She was sold and bought in markets the same as cattle. She was spending her life in the worst circumstances. The unbalance family system was present in black days. In which a woman was treated the same as a servant. She did not have the right to speak regarding her wishes. After the death of a husband, she was distributed like assets in her stepsons to continue illegal sexual intercourse or on the other hand, stepson got married to his stepmother. She was a source of enjoyment for a man, whereas, a man was considered a leader of the family system, and every decision was taken to his consultation concerning a woman. The same situation was in the entire world. In Hindu society, an alive woman was burnt with her husband's dead body, this custom was called "*Satti*". We are taking the breath in the 21<sup>st</sup> century, but the condition of a woman has been worse as yet in different societies and as well as the West too. In the west, a woman is offered at clubs as a showpiece in front of men and they use her to get enjoyment and after fulfilling their purpose, they throw her like a used tissue paper. As well as, the parents are admitted to old houses because the concept of the joint family system is not there. After the marriage, a couple prefers to begin their life in a separate home. The disobedience is common in children for their parents. Illegal sexual intercourse is considered lawful. The several other disgusting activities are in extensive condition on the name of enjoyment. These societies claim for modernism and the right to freedom of a woman. In reality, they are going towards ruin over time. Because ethical downfall is a great source of destruction in Western societies. <sup>(4)</sup>

### **Joint Family System**

Islam is a peaceful and progressive religion, it preaches and advocates equality and justice for all. There is no room for any bigotry and inequity on either basis, caste, creed, and gender. Unfortunately, who misunderstood it, they are targeting Islam by all sorts of criticism, including its discriminatory approach towards women. Islam is a faith, philosophy, and a way of life, it is the first religion in this world to grant honor and respectable status to a woman as a mother, a sister, a wife, and a daughter. It is a great favor for a woman in this world and hereafter too by Almighty Allah. She has a significant role in making a family system because she is an important part of it and we cannot ignore her existence. She recognizes a respectable person, as a mother, a sister, a wife, and a daughter in our family system. This system cannot complete the exclusion of her absence. This is a fact that a man and a woman have a vital role in making a family, such as their responsibilities begin as a father, a husband, a mother and a wife after the marriage. We can see many relations in a joint family system, for instance; parents, spouses, children, and siblings. These all are very significant to move life toward society. Islam wants to protect them consequently and requires from Muslims that they follow the Islamic teachings. Hence, a pleasant and peaceful environment will be possible in society. Each Muslim should understand his/her account and should try to fulfill it seriously. The entire Islamic teachings are about morality, justice, equality, brotherhood, love, peace, respect, and harmony, etc. It means that

every aspect of life is to teach the illiterate mankind. Thus a human being could spend his/her life according to good manners. Mankind has been sent for a particular purpose in this world, as to follow the Islamic teachings, to maintain justice and equality, to help the poor, and to look after his/her family.

*Islam teaches that human beings have been created from man and woman and then they have been distributed in different tribes to know one another. The noblest is that, who is the most righteous among human beings. <sup>(5)</sup> Islam leads in this regard that humanity has been created from one soul and then his mate has been created, and then many men and women have been dispersed from this one couple. <sup>(6)</sup>*

The conclusion of this all discussion is that a man and a woman are like two wheels of a motorbike or a cycle if one of them left its work so the motorbike or cycle cannot move ahead. They both are very important to sustain the joint family system in society.

### **The Rights of Parents**

Islam is true and complete religion. Its teachings are to guide people towards the right way of life. It wants a peaceful and pleasant environment in society. It does not like injustice, inequality, violence, cruelty, and racism in society.

*Islam advises fulfilling the rights of people (Huqoqullbad), in which the rights of parents are on top. The first responsibility is of the children that they give respect to their parents, obey their command, and talk with them in a soft and honorable way. The obedience of parents is necessary because the annoyance of Almighty Allah is present in their annoyance and the happiness of Almighty Allah is present in their happiness. Among the worldly relation, the relation of parents is a great relationship after the relation of Almighty Allah. In Islam, the most favorite thing is prayer on time and then the good behavior with parents. <sup>(7)</sup>*

Parents have a significant position in a family system. They are heaven and hell for us if we give respect and honor them and show obedience to them. Hence, we will deserve heaven and if we will ignore their existence, then we will be sent into hell. We should give respect and honor to our parents and should look after them, therefore. This is our accountability and duty; it should remind us.

### **The Responsibility of Parents (The Rights of Children)**

The children are a great blessing of Almighty Allah for parents. All happiness is related to children and they are like flowers for a house. Many responsibilities come upon parents regarding their children.

*The Holy Prophet (PBUH) advised that Muslims should select good names for their children. Parents should be careful in the selection of a name for their child, therefore. Because the name affects the nature of a person. Islam teaches human beings concerning children that they should not kill them from the fear of poverty. <sup>(8)</sup>*

Such practice was used in the days of ignorance. *Islamic teachings forbid parents like such inhuman and cruel activities because the birth of the children is the blessings of Almighty Allah. Children should be treated in a good manner, they should be given good food, dress, shelter, and education to grow up their abilities. It is advised to mothers that they breastfeed their babies for two years. <sup>(9)</sup>*

The milk of a mother is healthy and energetic food for a child. It is a responsibility of a mother that she should breastfeed to her child to keep safe from all the dangers, whose newborn baby

faces the first time in his/her life. The lap of a mother is the first school for a baby, therefore the responsibility of good and bad activities of the children depends on the training of the parents. The parents should pay entire attention to the training of the children. They should educate their children about good moral ethics and should aware of the concept of right and wrong. Then they would be able to make them better persons. This is also the responsibility of the parents that when children became young, then they should engage their children in the tie of marriage. Actually, the matrimony is a very significant step because two persons are to be connected in a tie of a wedding for the lifetime under this agreement. Consequently, the knowledge of the acceptance of a spouse is necessary. Islam allows selecting a life partner for a man and a woman. But it does not mean that parents leave their children free to take every step regarding their life. Offspring do not have worldly experience as compared to their parents, therefore because of less experience, they can involve in trouble and can make the wrong decision. Hence it could be said that it is the obligation of offspring that they should obey the advice of their parents. As parents love their children very much and they never think bad for them. Lastly, the reality is it that the great parents are those who teach their children good etiquette and manner to spend life in society.

### **The Rights of Sister (s) and Brother (s)**

Islam gives honor and respect to a woman as a sister. She has a loving personality for her family. This is a favor of Islam for a woman that she takes a specific part in the inheritance. It is the responsibility of the brother (s) that he should take care of her and her needs like a father. It is advised that if anyone takes care of three girls or the same number of sisters and fulfills all the needs of them and shows kindness to them according to the wish of Almighty Allah. Almighty Allah guarantees him Paradise. <sup>(10)</sup> The relation of a brother and a sister is a pious and selfless relation to this world. They both should take care of each other, therefore. This relation should not be dependent upon lies, treachery, and deception, contrast, there should be love, truth, and sincerity in this relationship.

### **The Relation of Husband and Wife**

Before Islam, nations ignored the fact that both men and women are the offspring of Adam (Alaih Salaam) and Eve (Alaih Salaam), and the creature of Almighty Allah and their marital relationship is the basis of human civilization. In such cases, the Holy Prophet (PBUH) became the mercy of Allah for universal femininity. They made distant reforms for them and taught the world how to make marital life enjoyable despite engagement. Before the appearance of Islam, the status of a woman was very low. She had no personal status and was the subordinate of men in all stages of life. She was considered less than insects. Islam is the first religion of this world, which raised the status of women. It established their permanent status and rights. Islam inherited them, made them their property owners, gave them equal rights to men in many matters, except for a few. Islam considers a reward the upbringing of a female and it establishes the equality of rights between wife and husband. A man and a woman are connected in the tie of marriage to spend a happy life. Paradise is placed under the feet of a mother because Islam kept the status of women in every aspect. Respect for women was the main element of the social teachings of Muhammad (PBUH). It proves the woman's relationship has been honored by saying the words "*Umm al-Mu'minin*" to the wives of the Holy Prophet (PBUH). The relation between Husband and wife is an essential relationship in this world. Almighty Allah says:

*“One of His signs is, that He created your wives for you from yourselves, that ye might find rest in them, and ordained love between you, .....”*.<sup>(11)</sup>

Almighty Allah has put love in this relation of a spouse, therefore. Another contribution of Islam to women is equality. Men are the guardians of women because Almighty Allah has given men superiority over women. That they spend their wealth (for the needs and comfort of women). In Arabic, the person who provides, protects, and is responsible for the correction of something is called a "qawaam".<sup>(12)</sup> For example, a commander of each army and a decree of each state must be established, which maintains the system, the army and concessions obey its orders. Likewise, the ruler of the home state should also be high. He is responsible for the necessity of the house and its well-being and obeying its orders, or else the peace and tranquility of this small but important state of the house will be ruined. Now the question arises as to who should be entrusted with this responsibility, and who can raise the ground this time. The only two candidates are husband and wife. Islam has given to husband the responsibility, as well as the reason that he has two qualities. First of all, the man is superior to the woman in his physical strength, matter understanding, and foresight. And the other good of a man is that he is responsible for all the expenses of the wife and children, and their responsibility for their safety and security. Therefore, because of his natural superiority, a man is entitled to be deserved in the state of his home. Any misunderstanding does not mean that the slavery of a man is being put in the neck of a woman. No, apart from these administrative matters, the woman has her rights which the men have such obligations, just as a man's rights are obligatory for a woman, so are women's rights have over men. There is no question of women's slavery here. The fact is that women do not get the position given by Islam, such as both are equal in the sight of Almighty Allah. Islam has given many rights to a woman as a wife, like providing legitimate entertainment opportunities. The economic security and adjustment in marital affairs. The pleasure of the Prophet (PBUH) with his wife is determined by the events of his family life. Every day, it was usual for all wives, Hazrat Muhammad (PBUH) visited the houses of those wives, who were very near. He used to stay for a while, when the home of that wife came, where he stayed at night. So, he would spend the entire night there. Hazrat Khadija (رضي الله عنها) was the first wife of Hazrat Muhammad (PBUH), she was fifteen years older than he. He loved her very much. In her life, he did not marry another. Equality is a basic need of human nature, that It should continue in the marital relationship. It is a woman's right that man should have full equality with her, even in cases of food and clothing. It is important to clarify here that in the case of clothing, equality does not mean that men and women wear the same cloth.<sup>(13)</sup> Equality means is that the standard should be equal.

Muawiya Qushairi (رضي الله تعالى عنه) inquired to the Prophet (PBUH), about the rights of wives to their husbands. The Prophet (PBUH) replied:

*“That the husband must give her food, provide clothes, he should not beat her on her face, nor to abuse her or eliminate her from her house (when she was divorced). Another event, we find, that he should feed her what he eats himself, and her clothes should be of the same standard as he wears, he should not beat or abuse and rebuke her”*.<sup>(14)</sup>

At another place, “Aisha (رضي الله عنها) narrates that Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) states:

*“The greatest among you is he who is the best for his family”*.<sup>(15)</sup>

We should follow Islamic teachings and should kind to treat them. Then society can be pleasant.

## The Rights of Relatives

Islam advises kind treatment with parents and after them, it emphasizes the rights of close relatives too, and the nurturing of these relationships is called goodness. It is advised to human beings that *"And fear Almighty Allah for whom you ask for your rights, and fear your kin"*.<sup>(16)</sup>

The same another occasion human beings advised concerning relatives that *"They should be given their rights in a good way"*.<sup>(17)</sup> The first level is their kindness and kind treatment, which includes meeting well, taking care of them, helping them during difficult times, and helping them during their illness. After Adam, Almighty Allah created Eve, and then through their fellowship the offspring originated, which led to different relationships, namely, parents, siblings, grandparents, aunts, and uncles. All relationships came into being, including status. These are the beautiful relationships that make sense of the people they love. It was through these relationships that families formed. The families emerged from the society and thus settlements, cities and countries were settled. Then Almighty Allah set out the rights and duties of all of them to maintain their love and sincerity among themselves. The meanings of relatives are who is linked to human ancestry, whether they are share or not an inheritance. Islam has given an honorable position in the relationship and elevated its importance and greatness to such heights that no one can imagine in any religion, ideology, and civilization. For example, by giving the father's brothers the status of the father and mother's sisters the status of the mother, brought them to the respect of high position. Relationships were termed as "peace-loving" and rewarded with respect and honor for having good relations with relatives.

Abu Ayub Ansari said on one occasion: *"that a person came to the Holy Prophet (PBUH) and said, "Messenger of Allah! Tell me some of the processes by which I will enter Paradise." The Prophet (PBUH) said, "Serve Allah, do not associate anyone with Him, establish prayer, pay zakat, and be kind to your relatives"*.<sup>(18)</sup>

Almighty Allah loves them who treat parents and relatives well, after the worship of Almighty Allah. Islam advised to human beings that,

*"Serve Almighty Allah, do not associate anything with Him, do good to your parents, relatives, orphans, the needy, co-workers, and strangers. Deal kindly with your side mates, travelers, and all those in your possession (servants, employees). Allah does not love the proud"*.<sup>(19)</sup>

Further Islamic teachings tell us concerning the relatives that *"Almighty Allah commands (with each one) justice and kindness. As well as Almighty Allah advises for giving to kinsmen, and forbids evil, evil deeds, rebellion, and disobedience. He admonishes human beings so that they may remember well"*.<sup>(20)</sup>

If the relatives are poor and need to earn money, so we should help them financially. As well as we should always share happiness with them, we should prove mercy and kindness upon them and should never leave them in hardship. At another occasion, human beings are being told that

*"They should spend upon their parents, relatives, orphans, needy, and travelers. Whatever they do good, surely Almighty Allah is All-knowing"*.<sup>(21)</sup>

All the above discussion tells us that we should take care of our relatives because they deserve our good and kind behavior. We can see in a society that every person is busy with his/her life. We do not have spare time to meet each other. Everyone seems busy with worldly things. There is a great disadvantage of this because we are becoming away from Islamic teachings. This thinking is carrying us towards ruin. This is a need for the time that we should follow Islamic teachings and should treat them well with our relatives. There is a success for us in it. This is a path of success for us in worldly life and hereafter if we understand it.

## **Joint Family System and Contemporary Society**

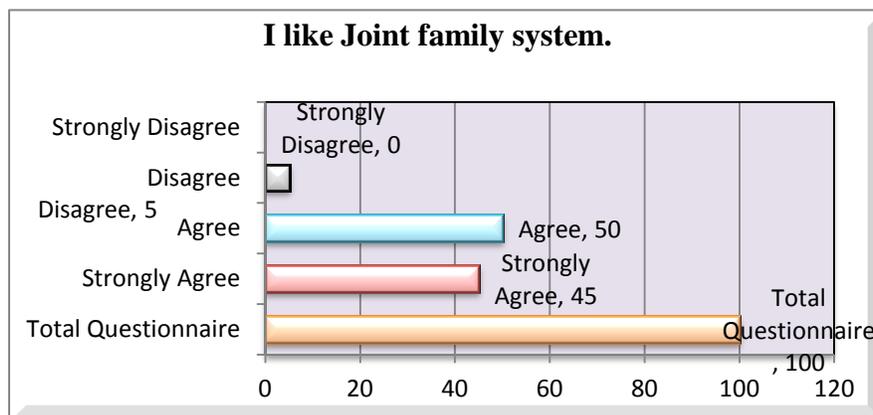
Society and family make up of individuals. People from the same family who have a blood relationship. They together form a family. Then more people associated with them join in and the family grows. The shared family system is evidence of Eastern traditions. Its robustness is regarded as a guarantee of tradition's robustness. In olden times, living apart from family was considered a sin, and guilt to anyone living separately or demanding separation. There was no concept of the separate family system. The separation meant was ending the relationship. As society developed, the thoughts and thinking of people changed. <sup>(22)</sup> They gave preference to living separately. Parents nurture their children day and night, and when they get younger and parents to move in old age, then old parents are attached many hopes to their offspring. Parents want the children to love and take care of them, as they loved very much them and brought up their offspring with love. If their children, especially sons, live with them, their lives became happy and the old-age becomes easier. But sometimes they become irritated in old age. At that time offspring should more take care of their parents and should give extra time to remove their parent's loneliness. In old age, they behave like children. But it is emphasized in Islam that we should not be rude at them. We should show love and tolerance with them. The tragedy of today is, that patience and endurance have diminished in everyone. The changes are coming in behaviors with time. When we have a look at history, we see that the old-time parents were conscious of their children and they looked after their offspring themselves. Whereas nowadays parents do not have time for their children and they have done busy themselves in different activities. They like to call themselves modern, that is why children are given less attention from parents. In today's age, children begin to live their lives at their choice a very young age. They cannot tolerate the interference of their parents in their personal life and not of any other family member. In this situation, the joint family system appears to be a failure. <sup>(23)</sup> Nowadays offspring do not have time for their old parents, they leave their parents alone at the mercy of the servants, therefore. Now, this custom goes to the end day by day that the presence of older people at home and their service was considered the blessing of Almighty Allah for children. Presently, except for some households, this concept is going to become finished. In contemporary society, old persons are considered a burden, such persons are admitted to get rid of old houses, therefore. Children who grow up in a joint family system are more likely to stay in nature, have patience, endurance, and have the ability to cope with all kinds of situations.

Because their childhood goes through different situations and they experience many hard things in their lives in a joint family system, due to which they able to face the hard situation in their life and as well as in society too. Whereas those children who grow up in a separate family system, they do not have tolerance and patience and they have to face many problems in the future especially girls when they go after marriage to another house. The joint family system is good in this way that it does not impose any burden on any one individual, whereas every person fulfills his responsibility as a member of the family and the financial problems reduce. Children get the companionship of the elders, which helps them to benefit from their experiences. There is a reality that the joint family system is a safe way to spend life in society for human beings. We should live in a joint family system and to give respect to our elders, then we would be able to get the prayers of our parents. <sup>(24)</sup>

## Results and Discussion

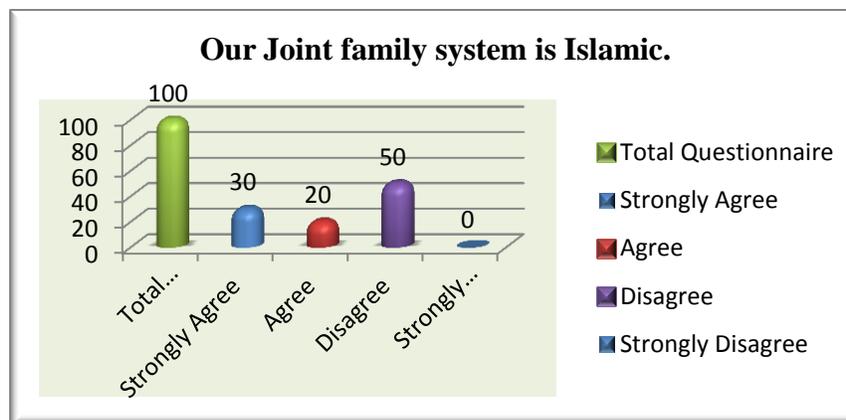
We prepared one hundred questionnaires and filled by the students of SBBWU Peshawar and Women University Swabi to know their views concerning the said theme of this research work. For this fieldwork, We took fifty female students from SBBWUP<sup>25</sup> and fifty female students from Women University Swabi. In this research work, the different symbols were used for the views of the students as; (Strongly agree), (Agree), (Disagree), and (Strongly Disagree). The details are as follows.

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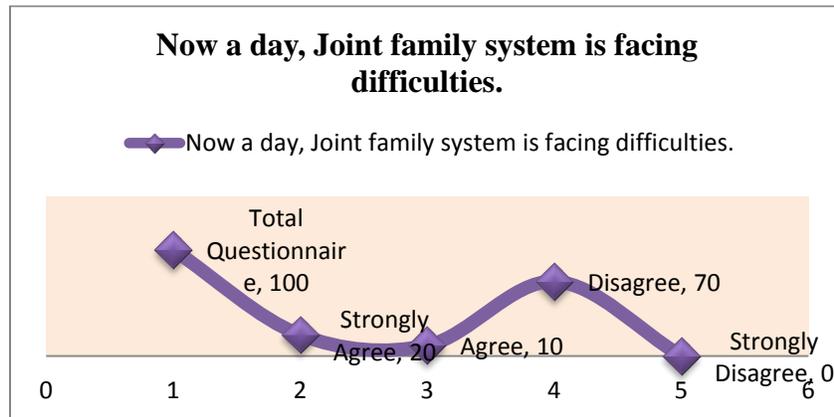


In the above graph we can see that the most students expressed that they like the joint family system and they gave preference to live in jointly in a family.

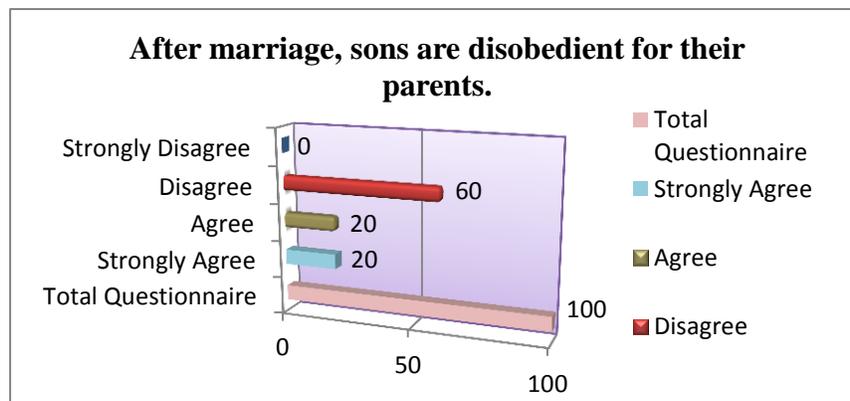
### Graph No. 2



In the second graph, there showed through the views of students that the fifty percent student agrees that our joint family system is Islam and the other fifty percent of students do not agree concerning the asked question that it is Islamic and they give preference individual family system.

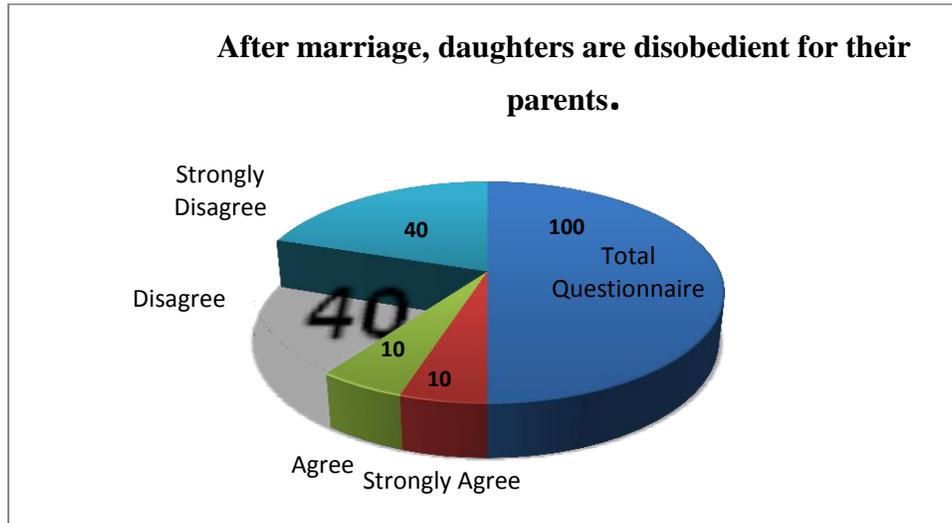
**Graph No. 3**

The third graph showed that almost the thirty percent student agree that the joint family system is facing difficulties and the seventy percent students do not agree from the asked question, their opinion is it that the joint family system is a good way of living together in society and more difficulties can be reduced through this system such as reducing the economical burden and sharing the responsibilities, etc.

**Graph No. 4**

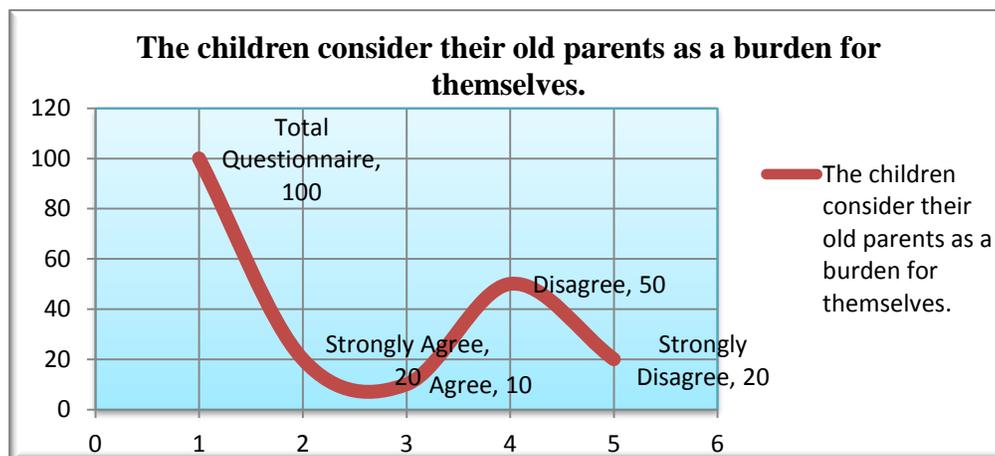
The forty percent of students responded that after marriage, son (s) do not obey their parents and most students agree that after marriage son (s) obey their parents.

**Pie chart No. 5**



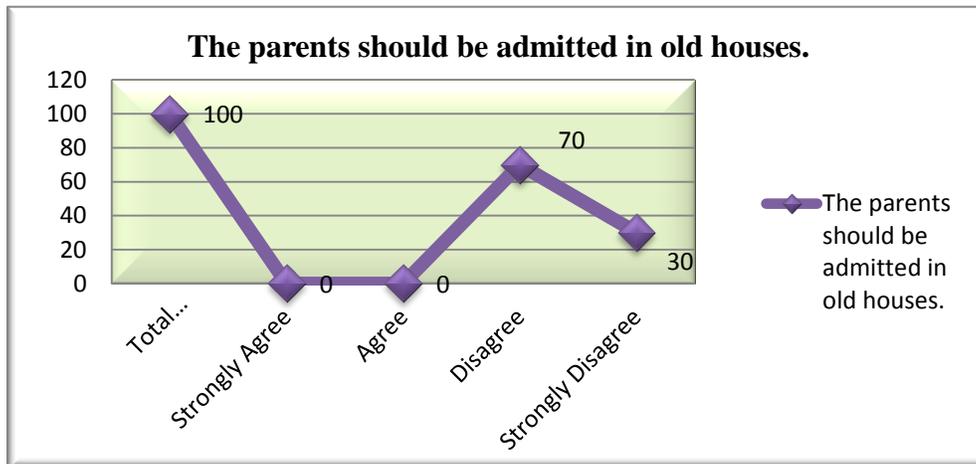
In the mentioned pie chart the most students gave their views that after marriage, the daughter (s) shows obedience for their parents. Because Almighty Allah has bestowed a high position to parents, therefore they are heaven and hell for us. If we will give respect and will be obedient to our parents then we will deserve for heaven, whereas in the form of disobedience, the offspring will be thrown into hell.

**Graph No. 6**



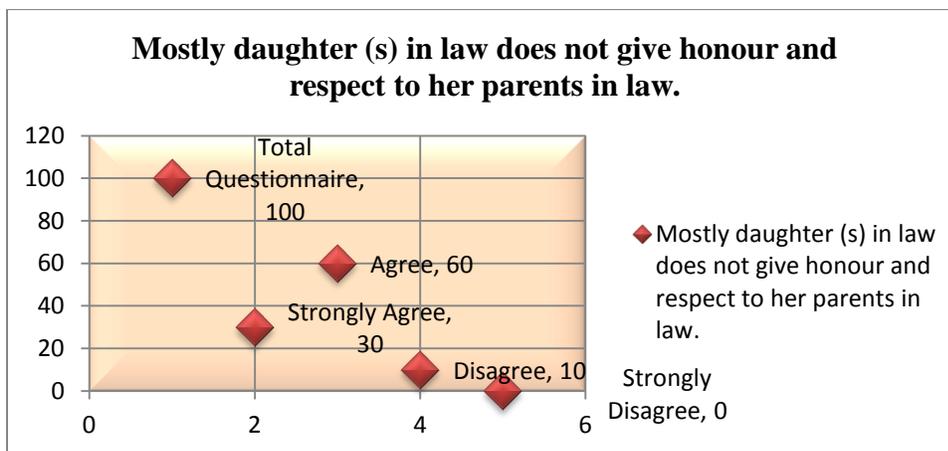
Graph number six tells us that thirty percent of students agree that in contemporary society the children consider their parents as a burden for themselves and they want to admit their parents in old houses. Whereas seventy percent of students do not agree with the above-mentioned question. They have a soft corner for their old parents and they love and respect their old parents and they consider them the blessing of Almighty Allah for themselves in this world and hereafter.

### Graph No. 7



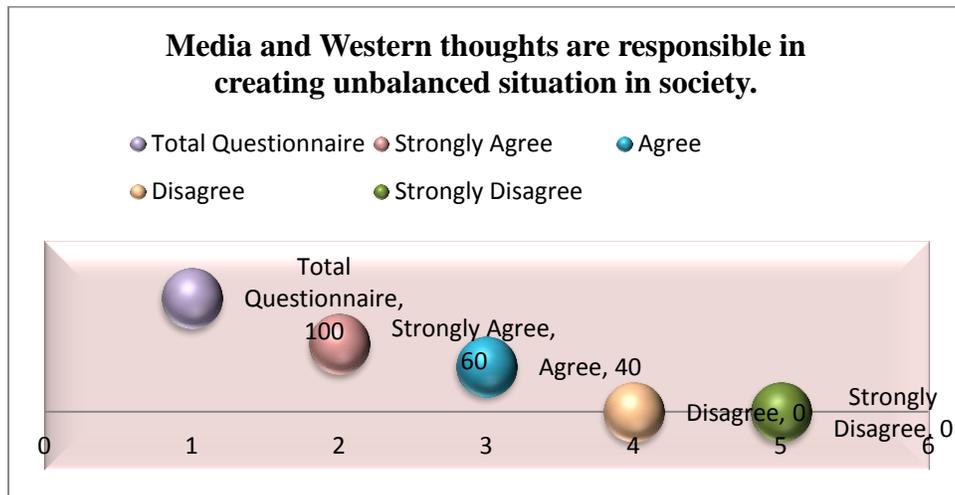
When we conducted this survey then we knew that nearly all the students do not agree that they should admit their parents to old houses. They showed respect and love for their old parents.

### Graph No. 8



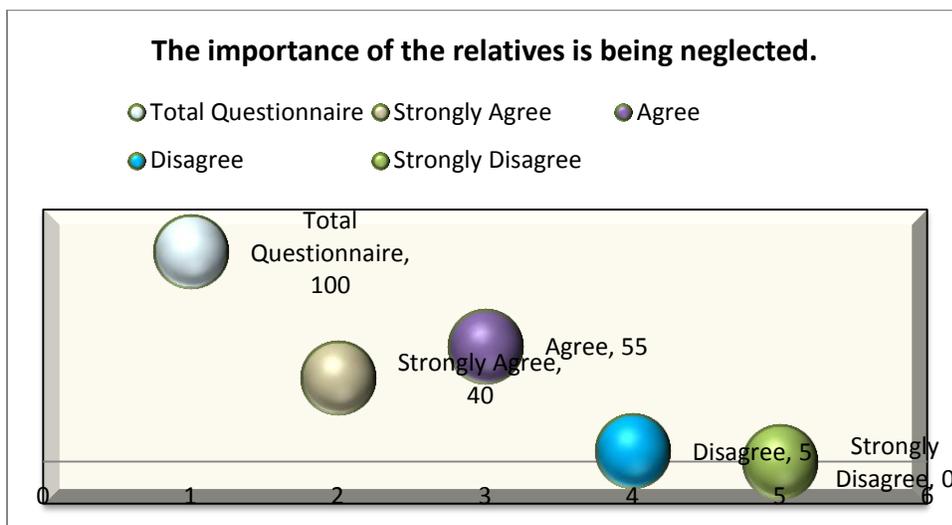
In the above graph, ninety percent of students responded that mostly daughter (s) in law does not give honor and respect to her parents in law and only ten percent of students gave their opinion about disagreeing concerning the mentioned question.

**Graph No. 9**



There is an open fact that all the unbalance environments of the society produced by the media and Western thoughts. We are breathing in a Muslim country and we should follow the teachings of Islam to make our lives happier and easier. Nearly every student agrees that unbalance circumstances produced through media and Western thoughts in society.

**Graph No. 10**



The ninety-five percent of students answered that it is true that we are neglecting the importance of relatives with time. While they more said that we should follow the teachings of Islam, then we can save our relationship with our beloved. Whereas five percent replied about the said question in disagreeing.

## Conclusion

Islam is a religion of peace. Therefore, it gives respect and honor to every relation as parents, siblings, spouse (husband and wife), and relatives. The joint family system refers to all family members living in one house. In which society, we are living it gives preference to the joint family system. This is a thought of people, that the joint family system is the best way of living together in society. But this thinking is largely true because when we live in a joint family system, then all our responsibilities as a family member is reduced. Every person of family fulfills his responsibility and such all persons of a family live together in a joint family system. We are following the teachings of Islam, therefore we should give importance to all the relations, which makes a family system in society. Parents are the blessing of Almighty Allah, therefore we should give honor and respect to this relationship because this relationship is heaven and hell both for us. In contemporary society, we can see that some offspring show disobedience to their parents, and they admit their parents in old houses. Besides it, in some houses, the daughter (s) in-laws show bad behavior with their old parents-in-law and they do not give them respect as their parents, here we can say that the unbalance situation of society is the cause of the lack of Islamic teachings. The reality is that ethically we are moving to downfall with time. It is a dire need that we should follow the teachings of Islam and should give respect and honor to our blood relations and other relations. So that we can be successful to create a peaceful and respectable environment concerning relations in society.

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