

## Post Module 4 assignment

Please answer the following questions in 50-70 words.

1. Explain why myths and misconceptions about abortions are dangerous.

Myths and misconceptions around abortion build stigma and taboo about abortion. This build fear about the process of abortion and because of misinformation people may opt for other unsafe practices for termination of unwanted pregnancy making it risky for both their mental and physical health.

2. Most of the myths and misconceptions about abortion are based on which concerns?

Most of the common myths around abortion in any society are centered around the repercussions and consequences of the procedure. It means many myths and misconceptions are about the after effects of abortion and the negative effects of unsafe abortion.

3. Which misconception about abortion can cause serious physical harm?

People may opt for unsafe practices which can cause major blood loss, sepsis, and infertility. These health conditions may create both physical and mental trauma for the individual.

4. Under what circumstances can abortion cause infertility?

If the abortion is not performed by the trained health practitioner, there are chances that some parts of foetus are not removed permanently from the uterus which can cause fertility and sepsis later in life.

5. Abortions can lead to cancer.

False. Only unsafe abortion which is performed by sharp objects or abortion performed by untrained medical practitioner can cause health implications like severe bleeding and sepsis.

6. What are the causes of stress and trauma for people seeking abortions and how can stress and trauma be minimised?

Effective dialogue, improved communication, informed decisions, rights based approach for the termination of pregnancy can help in reducing the trauma and stress.

7. Abortions are sought mostly by young and unmarried women.

False. It is a false statement. Abortion does not have to do with the marital status of the person, it also has not to do anything with the sex and sexuality of the person as trans men and some binary people can also seek abortion and we need to normalise it!

8. Why is the perception that only certain type of people seek abortions problematic?

The misconception about a certain kind of individual seeking abortions is particularly problematic because it creates and strengthens the binary about the person seeking abortion as the nurturing mother versus the promiscuous and irresponsible woman. Furthermore, it stigmatises female sexuality.

9. Only Cis-gendered women can become pregnant.

False, trans men and some non binary people can also become pregnant.

10. Explain how myths and misconceptions about abortion are created and perpetuated.

These myths and misconceptions are created by the religious practices, society customs and patriarchal norms and factors which want to suppress the change and protect the status quo!

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