

**Please answer the following questions in 50-70 words.**

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

Misinformation of any sort is dangerous. It leads to unsafe practices and possible fatal outcome. Because of these myths and misconceptions, abortion seekers are not aware of their rights and are often misled to believe the said service is illegal.

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

Most of these myths and misconceptions are centred around the repercussions and consequences of the procedure. These are often influenced by religious practices and societal norms.

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

Insertion of sharp object to terminate the pregnancy can cause serious physical harm like uterine rupture, infection or even death.

**4. Under what circumstances can abortion cause infertility?**

Safe abortions do not affect fertility. If abortion is performed by an unqualified practitioner or performed unsafely, it can lead to infection and thereby affect fertility.

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

Abortion can cause long-term mental health issue if comprehensive abortion care is not in place. But most of the stress and trauma is because of the stigma around abortion. Stress and trauma can be minimised by providing the individual with all possible information that will help them with the procedure and the after-math of it. Counselling sessions if done correctly i.e non-judgemental, not to be shamed or stigmatised, will go a long way in creating a safe space and emotional support.

**6. Abortions are sought mostly by young and unmarried women. True or False?**

False.

According to the Characteristics of Women Who Obtain Induced Abortion: A Worldwide Review by the Guttmacher Institute married women obtain a higher proportion of abortions than young and unmarried women.

**7. Only Cis-gendered women can become pregnant. True or False?**

False. Trans-man and non- binary folk can also become pregnant.