

Divorce

In spite of it being a _____ (1) catholic country, Spain actually has the highest divorce _____ (2) in Europe. Surprised? Well, when you take a look at the social and economic factors, it is not all that weird. Throughout the Franco _____ (3), divorce was almost impossible; this resulted in what is known as 'A Spanish Divorce', in which couple _____ (4) married, but resided in different places, often with new _____ (5). Since the 'Express Divorce Law' passed in 2005, Spaniards have put into effect this new found freedom. What is more, people need to consider the economical _____ (6). Since we have just gone through a dire financial recession, many couples have _____ (7) greatly to make ends meet and this of course has caused friction and many have not had the endurance to withstand such a tough task. That combined with the carelessness of some young people on deciding to get married, the eagerness of youngsters to fly the _____ (8) and the influence of sexual liberation, more than 3 in every 4 marriages in Spain end up in divorce. This is an outstanding and quite frankly concerning figure that needs to be significantly lowered.

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| 1. A. extremely | B. main | C. majority | D. major |
| 2. A. amount | B. quantity | C. level | D. rate |
| 3. A. age | B. dictatorship | C. regime | D. time |
| 4. A. kept | B. remained | C. continued | D. lived |
| 5. A. concubines | B. partnerships | C. relations | D. mates |
| 6. A. problems | B. considerations | C. factors | D. issues |
| 7. A. struggled | B. troubled | C. competed | D. issued |
| 8. A. house | B. home | C. den | D. nest |

Answers:

1. C
2. D
3. B
4. B
5. A
6. C
7. A
8. D