

11.1 Premarital and extramarital sex

Discuss the following statements from your own point of view and then from the point of view of one of the ethical theories you have studied.

1. Sex before marriage is wrong.
2. Not having sex before you get marriage is an out-dated idea.
3. The rise in premarital sex can be linked to the rise of sexually transmitted diseases.
4. If it was illegal to have sex before you were married, would there be a rise in prostitution or pornography?
5. It is necessary to have a sexual relationship before you get married to see if you are suited to be together.
6. Extramarital sex breaks the trust in a relationship and has a negative effect on everyone.
7. Adultery is totally wrong in any circumstance.
8. Extramarital sex is permissible if both parties consent to it.
9. Extramarital sex can be seen to be a healthy part of a modern relationship.
10. Betrayal is the worst of all crimes.