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7. Abstract:

7.1 Rationale/Background

Cohabitation is a frequent term for the living arrangement of two persons who are neither married nor immediate family members. Cohabitation is commonly used as a synonym for unmarried partners who share a home, but it also refers to different ways of living together without being married.

7.2 Summary

The researcher will ask whether, and to what extent, the practicality and

relationship satisfaction implies a shift in cohabitation, potentially giving an understanding of choosing cohabitation over marriage. Specifically, it aims: To know the factors that lead to decision of cohabitation, to understand the couples-respondent view on the practicality and relationship satisfaction of cohabitation over marriage, to discover the challenges faced by the couples-respondent in raising their children. The goal of the research study was to evaluate the benefits of cohabitation over marriage in terms of practicality and relationship satisfaction.

7.3 Major Findings

This study sought to determine how cohabiting parents' perspectives and experiences in relationships are diverse, highlighting the factors contributing to their happiness, contentment, and parenting approach. The variables studied as measures concerning the research objectives were the following: children as a priority, cohabiting parents' own decision, needs in a relationship, marriage as a choice, having a baby as a commitment, and duties and responsibilities of parents.

7.4 Conclusions

From the thematic analysis of the different interviews, the researcher concluded that practicality and relationship satisfaction of cohabiting parents is existent, and interconnected. In line with this, as evidenced by the fact that

some people in a long-term cohabiting relationship choose not to pursue marriage. They do not prioritize the legal or formal component of marriage because they prioritize their commitment to each other and the depth of their relationship.

7.5 Recommendations

It will be necessary for future researchers to carry out an investigation that is both more comprehensive and particular in its focus on the practicality and relationship satisfaction of cohabiting parents. Even though this research was successful in gaining insights into the perspectives of cohabiting parents, the reliability and validity of these subjective data must also be backed by objective facts collected through quantitative analysis.

8. Translated Abstract (Filipino):

8.1 Rasyonale

Ang kohabitasyon ang karaniwang termino para sa pagsasama ng dalawang indibidwal na hindi kasal o malapit na miyembro ng pamilya. Karaniwang ginagamit ang kohabitasyon bilang isang salinlahi para sa mga hindi kasal na magkasintahan na nagkakasama sa isang tahanan, ngunit ito rin ang tumutukoy sa iba't ibang paraan nang pagsasama ngunit hindi kasal.

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