

12 The law and the family

Vocabulary

rights of succession
child benefit
welfare payments
a lump sum of cash
parental consent
a legal guardian
probate
testator and dependants
to die intestate
partial intestacy
decree of nullification
defective marriage
fraudulent representation
to lack mental capacity
children conceived in wedlock
community property
separate property
bequeathed to a wife
irretrievable breakdown of marriage
the presumption is rebutted
to domicile in the country
raised from the taxes
terms of divorce

retirement pension
to grant citizenship
divorce proceedings
to petition for divorce
petitioner and respondent
to have custody of the children
financial provisions/arrangements
to grant a divorce
to make a will
inheritance tax
to contract a marriage
a marriage is breaking down
illegitimate children

Definitions

consummation of marriage
incestuous marriage
nullification of marriage
laws of succession
partial intestacy

Questions

- 1 Describe four disadvantages of illegitimate children in the U.K.
- 2 Describe the grounds on which a marriage may be nullified.
- 3 Describe the grounds on which a marriage may be divorced.
- 4 Describe what is required for a will to be valid.