

# **Marriage among Relatives and Hearing and Speaking Disability in the Special Education Institute in Damascus**

**(A field study)**

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## **Abstract**

The object of this research is to get acquaintance of inbreeding (marriage among relatives) and its effects on children and the genetic disability they may inherit. Children and cousins who are sharing the same genetics could inherit disability. Therefore, marriage between first cousins would play an essential role in getting congenital deformation and many other diseases.

The research focuses also on the role of marriage among relatives; especially when there are genetic disabilities that could be inherited from parents to children and from children to grandchildren. Therefore, it is necessary to make the needed medical tests and get sure of the healthy situation of the concerned husband and wife specifically and other relatives in general, and to look into the possibilities of getting diseases that may cause some kinds of disabilities or deformation to their children.

It would be better for any person to keep away the choice of getting married to a relative, due to those reasons related to health. Knowing that there is no law prevents marriage among relatives and it is not necessary to be itself something wrong, as we may find many couples that are relatives but they have normal life and have healthy children. The most important thing is to have the best choice and for the couple to reasonably

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choose each other to make good family which in turn will produce good children.

**The Research Outcomes:**

- 1- The percentage of inbreeding (marriage among relatives) in countryside is more than that in the cities as disabilities ratio in the countryside is 60% compared to the 40% in the cities.
- 2- The family relationship between the couples of the examined sample is accompanied with the existence of disabled children in those families.
- 3- All families' members the examined samples did not make medical tests before they got married.
- 4- The first child is more exposed to genetic disability than other children because mothers usually neglect the medical tests that are very necessary, especially in the early period of pregnancy.
- 5- When the family gets its first-born disabled child, they usually do not pay the needed attention to the birth of its second and third one.
- 6- The government takes an essential part in taking care of disabled children by establishing specialized schools and rehabilitating them to do in society like other normal children.