

**Impact of Age at Marriage and Effective Marital Period on
Natural Fertility : A Case Study on The Paschatya Vaidik
Brahman Women of West Bengal**

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ABSTRACT The present paper attempts to examine the relationship between age at marriage, effective marital period and fertility in a sample of 194 ever married post menopauseal women of Paschatya Vaidik Brahman of Bhatpara, Naihati, North 24 Parganas, West Bengal. The data show that the age at marriage is inversely related to fertility and the effective marital period is positively correlated with fertility. These and in the light of several findings in India and other parts of the world are discussed.