Marriage and divorce is a big issue in the United States. There are a number of critical questions that we do not have answers to. Answer two out of three of the questions below:

1) Suggest a straightforward estimation method not requiring a lot of modelling to measure the effects of important characteristics on transitions in and out of marriage.

2) Many states are considering laws to allow couples to have “covenant marriages;” i.e., marriages where there are extra costs associated with divorce. Write a model that explains why a couple would choose such a marriage option and discuss the public policy implications of such an option.

3) Write a model of labor force participation, marital status, and fertility and explain in as much detail as possible how to estimate it.