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### 17.3 Legal Opinions (Khayr al-Din Ramli)

1. In what situations do women have control over their own lives, and when do men act as proxies for them? For example, what different types of divorces or annulments are there?

Women most of the time have control over their own lives and can make their own decisions. For example, if a woman was given in marriage without her consent, she can reject the marriage. Men do act as a proxy when it comes to marrying a woman off and annulling a marriage contract.

2. What is the relationship between women's legal right and men's property rights? Which is more important?

Women's legal right is always important. The maher (dower) does play a part with annulments and divorces. The maher is the woman's property and the groom must pay it off. God's command is "maintain her well or release her with kindness," the protection for the bride.