LIVING COMMON-LAW – RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

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**1. (a) What is a common-law relationship?**

**(b) What has also been recently recognized as such?**

**2. When does common-law become the same as a legal marriage?**

**3. Are children of common-law relationships considered illegitimate? Explain.**

**4. What differences in rights do same sex partners have from common-law couples?**

**5. What is a cohabitation agreement?**

**6. Can the court change a cohabitation agreement? Explain.**

**7. (a) What is a separation agreement?**

**(b) How does it differ from a cohabitation agreement?**

**8. Is the property of common-law couples covered under the Marital Properties Act? Explain.**

**9. Who gets custody of the children when a common-law relationship breaks up?**

**10. How can you get financial support from an ex-partner?**

**(a)**

**(b)**