



Exactly how many witnesses do the man and woman need in order for the nikaah (marriage) to be valid?

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Imam al-Marghinani commentates on Imam al-Quduri's statement that the Nikah of a Muslim couple is only valid in the presence of two mature sensible individuals due to the hadith of the Prophet in which he is reported to have said, "There is no (valid) Nikah except through witnesses."

In this case either two males or a male and two females witnessing is required.

Another issue to bear in mind is that Nikah has to be widely and publicly advertised so the community know that these two individuals are married and there is no suspicion of zina..

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