Visit the website http://tudors.crispen.org/tudor_women/ to find the answers to these questions about the life of women in Tudor England. Write your answers in complete sentences.

(Betrothal means a mutual promise to marry, today called an engagement.)

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Answer sheet

1. What were women taught from birth?
   From birth, women were taught they were inferior to men.

2. How were girls raised in Tudor England?
   Girls were raised to obey their parents without question.

3. What were the only functions in life for women?
   To marry and bear children.

4. When women got married, who were the expected to obey, and why?
   They learned they were commanded by God to render unquestioning obedience to their husband and to learn in silence from him in all subjection, the same way they behaved at home to their parents.

5. How were the husbands of upper class girls chosen?
   By their fathers or other male relatives

6. Why were marriages arranged?
   Marriages were arranged for political reasons, to cement alliances, for riches, land, or status, and to forge bonds between two families.

7. What reason for marriage was considered to be foolish?
   The idea of marrying for love was considered bizarre and foolish.

8. What was the usual age for girls to be married at?
   There was no legal age for marriage. Marriage between children was not unknown. The usual age was around 14.

http://www.historylearningsite.co.uk/women_in_tudor_england.htm