

SESSION 2010

TEXT

Marriage and family

The family is the cornerstone of the traditional African society. Marriage is much more than a union between two people. It builds and strengthens ties between families.

They visiting and celebrating during Wambui and Jomo's wedding will continue for eight days. On the eight day, Wambui official buy come as member of her husband's family. Jomo's family celebrate the addition of Wambui ti their family group and the linking of the two families

In some African societies a marriage like the one between Hambui and Jomo would be an arranged marriage. In this type of marriage, parents decide whome their children will marry. Even in places where most marriages are arranged, some people will make their own choise of marriage partners.

In traditional African societies, marriage may include the giving o money, goods, cattle or sevices by the husband to his new wife's family. This gift, caled bridewealth, is usually given befor the marriage to show that the groom is serious about marrying the bride and that he has the ressources to support her. The payment also acknowledges that the bride's family is losing a valuable worker that the husband's family is gaining.

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QUESTIONS

A- Reading comprehension

I- Finde in the text

A word meaning newly married woman
The opposite of « weakens »

II- TRUE, FALSE or ING (Information Not Given)

Justify if true or false

Wambui's introduction to Jomo's family is also celebrated during their wedding.
It is Wambui who decide to marry Jomo.

III- Chose the best answer

Bridewealth is given by the hasbund:

- a- To honour the new wife's family.
- b- To show that he is rich.
- c- As a sign of seriousness of the marriage.
- d- As a value of the new life.

IV- Complete each bank for with one word from the text

There isn't much difference ----- a state university and a private one.
Fashion often makes young people spend a lot of -----

V- Re-order the following ideas according to the order they appear in the text

Wambui is officially introduced to Jomo's family after a traditional ceremony.
A gift called bridewealth is given by the husband to the new wife's family before the marriage
Marriage creates links between families.
Arranged marriage is typical in some African societies.

VI- Answer the following questions

What is an arranged marriage?
Do you agree on it? Why or why not?

B- Grammar in Use

Fill in each blank with grammatical item

I am 13 and I don't seem to be able to quit smoking ----- parents don't know, -----
I can't really talk ----- them about it ----- tired to give -----, ----- I'm still
smoking about five ----- day ----- don't know ----- to stop. Can you help?

C- Indirect test of speaking

I- Much the utterances in column A to the fonctions in column B

COLUMN A	COLUMN B
1- The way I see it, scientists disappoint us.	a- Apologizing
2- I've got two tickets for the concert, would you like to come?	b- Discribing illness
3- Please, forgive me. I didn't mean to do it.	c- Giving opinion
4- I've got a terrible headache and I feel shivery.	d- Complaining
	e- Inviting someone
	f- Requesting

II- Complete the following dialogue

Shop assistant : Good afternoon, Madam -----
Customer : I'd like a pair of walking shoes for my daughter here.
Assistant : Yes, Madam ----- ?
Customer : Dark-blue ones, size 37. (a short time later)
Assistant : ----- you ca try them on.

Customer : Thank you, ----- ?

Assistant : Fifty thousand Ar.

Customer : Haven't you got any cheaper ones ?

Assistant : ----- but they are the last ones we've got in stock ----- a pair of trainers ?

They is also suitable for walking.

D- Writing

« Education is the basic of development » Discuss (in about 120 words)