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Student's name..... level: 1ere L

FIRST TERM EXAM

Benazir Bhutto, the Prime Minister of Pakistan, who educated at Oxford, chose when the time came to have an arranged marriage. The West could not comprehend and Benazir refused to explain. This is understandable, considering our media image of custom, an image of young Asian women always crying, dragged by their fathers who forced **them** into marriages to unknown husbands.

Likewise Jayshree, a 23 years-old British Asian, who was brought up in Coventry and now works as a research scientist in a large university department. She has published papers and has won two scientific prizes. In 1987 she married Ganesh, who is also a scientist. The marriage was arranged by two families, though Ganesh and Jayshree went out **together** for three months before the wedding. It is what they both wanted.

“I had seen what was happening to marriage in this country, even among our people”, **she** says. “There is no stability, no maturity and expectations are based on soap operas on television. I wanted to spend my life with someone of whom my parents approved. Their way of life and what they do for each other, the almost religious devotion, was what I wanted. My father is so wise that I trust him. I knew he would help me find someone whose love for me would not be a flash in the pan.

“The origins of arranged marriages lie in the anxieties parents feel for **their** daughters. In India, marriage is not considered to be a union of two individuals, but of two families. The whole decision is bigger than the two people; it is a marriage of the two histories of the families, something that you are going to be responsible for coming generations for vulnerable children. Patience, wisdom, a strong moral sense, respect and prudence become as important as sex-appeal and physical attractiveness.”

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I – Comprehension (8 marks)

A – Multiple choice questions. Circle the best answer. (1pt)

1. **A good title for the text could be:**
 - a) Ganesh’s marriage problems
 - b) Benazir Bhutto’s marriage.
 - c) arranged marriages in India
2. **Which one is right**
 - a) Jayshree’s marriage is different from her fellow people.
 - b) Jayshree and Ganesh never met before their marriage
 - c) Jayshree and her husband are colleagues.

B – Vocabulary in context. Find in the indicated paragraph the synonym of the following words. (2pts)

3. understand: (paragraph1)
4. marriage:(paragraph2)
5. serial TV programs:(paragraph3)
6. future: (paragraph4)

C – Are the following sentences true or false? Justify your answers by quoting from the text. (3pts)

7. The Prime Minister didn’t want to give explanations about her marriage.
.....
8. Jayshree is not interested in personal development.
.....
9. Indians prefer beauty over moral values.
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D – Referencing. Who do the following words refer to in the text? (2pts)

10. **them** (L4):
11. **together** (L9):
12. **she** (L12):
13. **their** (L17):

II – Linguistic and communicative competence. (7 marks)

F – Complete the following dialogue correctly and meaningfully. (3pts)

14. **Father:** you've just arrived from the village, _____ you?

15. **Mother:** Yes I _____

16. **Father:** _____ ?

Mother: I left there at 6 o'clock in the morning.

17. **Father:** _____ ?

Mother: Ooh yes I have found one. A good wife for our son.

18. **Father:** She's not coming along with you, _____ she?

Mother: No she . She needs to receive the bride price before.

G – Verb tenses and forms. Complete the sentences with the right tense and form of the verbs between brackets (3pts)

In 1987 when she (19. get married), It was a big surprise. She could not(comprehend) by westerns.

If some people don't mind (20. have)an arranged marriage, others, however, want (21. marry)..... the person of their own choice.

In India parents (22. choose) husbands for their daughters since ancient times. But today some changes are (23. do) against that tradition by the new generations.

H – Complete the following passage with some of the words in brackets. (1pt)

In the past, parents made most of the decision making around their children nuptials. Children could not marry someone.....(24. **unless / if / as long as**) they had their parents' permission. But there is a growing trend for some women to choose their own partners even if arranged marriages are still the norm in India..... (25. **because / so**) arranged marriages work well.

III – Writing. Choose only one topic and write about 150 words (5 marks)

Topic1: There are more divorces nowadays? After giving reasons and drawbacks of those clashes, try to propose solutions to eradicate the problem.

Topic2: Your friend defends arranged marriages. You don't agree with him/her. Write down

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I- COMPREHENSION

A- 1c ; 2c

B- 3 comprehend; 4 wedding; 5 soap operas; 6 coming.

C- TRUE /FALSE STATEMENTS

7. True Benazir Bhutto refused to explain.

8. False. She has published papers and has won two scientific prizes.

9. False. Patience, wisdom, a strong moral sense, respect and prudence are as important as sex-appeal and physical attractiveness.

D- REFERENCING.

10 young Asian women, 11Ganesh and Jayshree; 12Jayshree; 13 parents.

II- LINGUISTIC AND COMMUNICATIVE COMPETENCE.

E- DIALOGUE COMPLETION

14 haven't you; 15 have ; 16 when did you leave there ; 17 have you found a good wife for our son or any meaningful sentence ; 18 is she ----she isn't.

F- VERB FORMS

19 got married ---be comprehended; 20 having; 21 to marry; 22 have been choosing; 23 are being done / are done.

G- PASSAGE COMPLETION

24. Unless- 25. because

III- WRITING (left to the appreciation of the teacher).