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READING COMPREHENSION

Touria returned to Morocco together with her French spouse Michel and their one-year old child. She wanted to introduce her husband to her family and celebrate their marriage in the Moroccan way. She is just one of a growing number of Moroccan women deciding to marry men from other backgrounds and traditions.

"Michel, now named Mehdi, is a friendly person. He tries to understand our traditions and social habits", she said. Her husband agrees to raise their child in accordance with traditional Moroccan values while she respects his French roots. Although Touria's mother accepted the marriage, she is worried about the success of the relationship because of cultural differences. According to her, marrying a foreigner would only cause problems, especially if there was lack of understanding.

According to a recent study conducted by the Ministry of Justice, the number of Moroccan women who married foreigners increased from 2,507 in 2001 to 5,664 in 2009. Meanwhile, the number of Moroccan men who married foreigners rose from 1,366 in 2001 to 4,320 in 2009.

Meriem, another Moroccan woman who is married to a Spanish man, said: "My marriage took place by chance. I went to a friend's house on a weekend where I met Pedro. My father insisted on testing him for a month; so we invited him over to our house in Morocco. My father told him about the traditions of our society, family habits and the teachings of our religion. My husband accepted all that with an open heart."

Mustapha al-Ashhab, a lawyer, said: "Girls looking for opportunities to emigrate often choose to marry foreigners. Similarly, young men, looking for moral or financial support while living in a foreign country, get married to women in that country." Yet, such mixed marriages often affect children's identity and psychological stability.

Jamal Al-Zayadi, a sociologist, believes that although spouses may have a good relationship with each other, children born to mixed marriages will still face problems. "They are foreigners when they come to Morocco, and they are Moroccans when they go to a foreign country despite the legal residence they have in that country," Al-Zayadi explains. Consequently, they feel that they are marginalized, and this creates more problems for them and their parents. Fortunately, a new citizenship law has given mothers the right to pass their Moroccan citizenship on to their children of foreign husbands.

COMPREHENSION (15points) BASE ALL YOUR ANSWERS ON THE TEXT

A. ARE THESE SENTENCES TRUE OR FALSE? JUSTIFY. (3points)

- 1- When Touria returned to Morocco, she was not married to Michel yet.
.....
- 2- Touria can raise her child according to Moroccan values.
.....
- 3- Children born to mixed marriages have no identity problems.
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B. ANSWER THESE QUESTIONS: (3points)

- 1- Why is Touria's mother not sure about the success of her daughter's marriage?
.....
- 2- Where did Meriem meet Pedro?
.....
- 3- What do statistics show about the number of Moroccan men marrying foreigners?

C. COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING SENTENCES. (3pts)

- 1- Meriem's family invited Pedro to their house because.....
.....
- 2- Young men living in a foreign country marry women there in order to.....
.....
- 3- An advantage of the new citizenship law is.....
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D. FIND IN THE TEXT WORDS THAT MEAN ALMOST THE SAME AS. (3pts)

- 1- Husband (paragraph 1):.....
- 2- Origins (paragraph 2):.....
- 3- Thinks (paragraph 6):.....

E. WHAT DO THE UNDERLINED WORDS IN THE TEXT REFER TO? (3pts)

Her:..... / him:..... / they:.....

LANGUAGE (15POINTS)

A. REWRITE THESE SENTENCES AS INDICATED: (2,5)

- 1. A new generation of mobile phone will have been launched in the market.
They.....
- 2. The members of the association may elect a woman president.
A woman.....
- 3. It is unnecessary to take a bus. The bookshop is not far.
We.....
- 4. We didn't send the invitations on time.
The invitations.....
- 5. It's 9:30 and my friend hasn't arrived yet. It's probable that he missed the bus
He.....

B. FILL IN THE BLANKS WITH THE APPROPRIATE PHRASAL VERB FROM THE LIST. PAY ATTENTION TO THE VERB TENSE (5pts)

Put on/put off/ turn on/set up/turn off/ check in/pass out/hand in/hand out/ log on/set off/ stand for/ bring up/ turn down/ bring about/ apply for/ take up/get over / break down/ show off/ clear up/take after/ put down/ pick up

1. I needed more than an hour to..... at the airport. I got into the plane very late.
2. You can't.....to your Facebook account if you forget your password.
3. When my friend Laura....., I didn't know what to do. Fortunately, Barbara called the doctor next door.
4. Theyearly, but they didn't manage to reach their destination on time.
5. John asked his wife to.....the job advertised in the newspaper.
6. The government has introduced new plan to.....important changes in education.
7. The boss hadthe meeting because many employees were absent.
8. The letters VIP.....Very Important Person.
9. Our teachers intend to.....a new English club.
10. Beforeyour test paper, you have to re-read it.

C. JOIN THE PAIRS OF SENTENCES WITH THE LINKING WORDS GIVEN: (2pts)

1. Our society is still male-dominated. Yet some men try to change their attitudes towards career women. (Although)
.....
2. Halima got a promotion since she worked hard. (thanks to)
.....
3. The famous footballer doesn't help poor citizens although he is very rich. (despite)
4. A lot of youngsters decide to go abroad because they are jobless.(Due to)
.....

D. FILL IN THE BLANKS WITH WORDS FROM THE LIST: *traditions – patrimony – varied – foreign – hospitality – altruism – social justice – health care* (2pts)

Moroccan folklore is quite..... . Each region has its own habits,....., and customs which pleasevisitors.
Besides the exotic and romantic aspects of the setting, the Moroccan consists of traditions and symbols which are mysterious today.

E. WRITE THE WORDS IN BRACKETS IN THE CORRECT FORM: (1,5pts)

1. In order to enhance development, ICT should be (access).....to everybody.
2. A country's future (prosperous)..... depends on the quality of education of its people.
3. Be sure he won't help you when you are in trouble; he is (rely).....

F. WRITE THE APPROPRIATE RESPONSES TO THE FOLLOWING SITUATIONS: (2pts)

- 1.You are staying in a hotel. The room is very dirty.

