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SESSION 12

Unit 5

Wedding Customs

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Chapter 1

afford /ə'fɔ:rd/ *v.* to have enough money, be able to buy: *Most people can't afford to stay in luxury hotels all the time when they are on vacation.*

appropriate /ə'prəʊpri,ət/ *adj.* right for the situation: *Make sure you wear appropriate footwear when hiking.*

customary /'kʌstə'meri/ *adj.* normal because the action is done in the usual or traditional way: *It is customary to give red envelopes during Chinese New Year.*

engrave /en'greɪv/ *v.* to mark, usually putting a name or a special message on an object: *Some couples engrave their wedding rings with their partner's initials.*

eternal /i'tɜ:nəl/ *adj.* never-ending: *A person might die, but their spirit is eternal.*

fabric /'fæbrɪk/ *n.* cloth: *Good clothes are made from high-quality fabric.*

integrate /'ɪntəgreɪt/ *v.* to blend or combine so together they are more effective: *Big cities such as New York integrate elements of many different cultures.*

vice versa /ˌvaɪs 'vɜ:rsə/ *phr.* used to say the opposite of a situation just described is also true: *Opposition parties normally criticize governments and vice-versa.*

Read the following passages and then answer the required questions.

Marriage is a part of nearly every culture in the world, but marriage traditions vary greatly from place to place.



Reading Comprehension

The wedding dress

In many countries, it is **customary** for the bride to wear a white dress as a symbol of her **innocence**. The tradition of wearing a special white dress for the wedding ceremony started over 150 years ago in 1840, when Queen Victoria married in white. Before that, brides wore all sorts of colors (even black!) and most could not **afford** to buy a dress that they would only wear once. Modern brides are more fortunate: dresses are still white but are now available in a variety of styles and **fabrics**. Many women even have their dresses specially designed and tailored. Not all cultures celebrate with white, however. In certain Asian countries and in the Middle East, red and orange are considered symbols of joy and happiness. In Asia, it is not uncommon for the bride and groom to change clothes several times as the ceremony progresses.

A: Choose the best Answers

1- What is the main idea of the whole passage

- a. Wedding customs
- b. Wedding dress & rings
- c. a.b ✓

2- The word bride comes from the Old English word for

- a. Wife
- b. Love
- c. Cook ✓

3. What does the word "fabrics" (in line 6) mean?

- a. materials ✓
- b. shoes
- c. hats



The Rings

In many cultures, couple exchange rings, usually made of gold or silver, during the marriage ceremony. The circular shape of the ring is symbolic of the couple's **eternal** union. In Brazil, it is traditional to have the rings **engraved** with the bride's name on the groom's ring and **vice versa**. In the united States, England, Canada, and France, the wedding ring is usually worn on the third finger of the left hand because it was once believed that a vein ran directly from this finger to the heart. But wedding and engagement rings aren't always jewelry for the fingers. In traditional Hindu relationships, the man gives the woman a bichiya- a ring worn on the toe- as a symbol of their engagement.

4. Which finger is traditionally used for the ring in the France?

- a. the third finger of right hand
- b. the second finger of left hand
- c. the third finger of the left hand ✓

5. Which metal is traditionally very important in wedding?

- a. bronz
- b. gold ✓
- c. silver

6. Which of these expressions means to get married?

- a. tie the knot ✓
- b. kick the bucket
- c. buy the farm