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دنباله درس کل متن	
Reading Comp	ehension

#### Reading Comprehension Read the following passages and then answer the required questions.

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 fortune: 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.

#### **Flowers**

Flowers play an important role in most weddings. Roses are said to be the flowers of love, and because roses usually bloom in June, this has become the most popular month for weddings in many countries. Lvy is also used in wedding bouquets because in early Greek times it was thought to be a sing of everlasting love. The flower bouquets of some Middle Eastern brides contain Artemisia- a bitter herb – to symbolize that the marriage will survive both good times and bad. In Thai weddings, the mothers of the bride and groom lay flowers on the shoulders of the couple to bring happiness and luck to their marriage.

Flowers garlands are also exchanged in addition to rings to represent the beauty of marriage and life. After the wedding ceremony, it is customary in many countries for the bride to throw her bouquet into a crowd of well-wishers, usually her single female friends. It is said that the person who catches the bouquet will be the next one to marry.

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# Gifts

In Chinese cultures, wedding guests give gifts of money to the newlyweds in small red envelops. Money is also an appropriate gift at Korean and Japanese weddings. Not all cultures, however, give money. In many Western countries such as the united kingdom, wedding guests give the bride and groom household items that they may need for their new home. In Russia, rather than receiving gifts, the bride and groom provide gifts to their guests instead. In Scotland, a week before the wedding ceremony, the bride's mother may invite the guests to her house and show off all the wedding gifts received, unwrapped, each with a card that has the giver's name on it.

Today, many couples choose to integrate wedding traditions from different cultures around the world. With so many interesting practices to choose from, people can create the perfect occasion on their most special day.

# A: Choose the correct answer for the following questions.

# 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  $\sqrt{}$
- b. shoes
- c. hats
- 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  $\checkmark$
  - 5. Which metal is traditionally very important in wedding?
  - a. bronz
  - b. gold  $\sqrt{}$
  - c. silver







### 6. Which of these expressions means to get married?

- a. tie the knot  $\sqrt{}$
- b. kick the bucket
  - c. buy the farm

#### 7. What changed soon after queen Victoria weddings?

- a. Women could buy wedding dresses in different fabrics.
- b. Women started wearing white wedding dresses.  $\sqrt{}$
- c. Women had their wedding dresses specially designed.

#### 8. In most cultures, what does the wedding ring usually symbolize?

- a. Joy and happiness
- b. Wealth and luck
- c. Everlasting love  $\sqrt{}$

# 9. In which culture do the bride and groom wear flowers on their shoulders?

- a. Greek
- b. Thai√
- c. Middle Eastern

## 10. According to the passage, how are wedding tradition practiced nowadays?

- a. People pick and choose which traditions to use.  $\checkmark$
- b. People don't follow traditions anymore.
- c. People only follow the traditions of their own culture.

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