

1/ 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.

2/ "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.

3/ 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. to 4,320 in 2009.

4/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 told him about the traditions of our society, family habits and the teaching of our religion. My husband accepted all that with an open heart".

5/ Mustafa-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 in a foreign country, get married to a woman in that country". Yet, such mixed marriages often affect children's identity and psychological stability.

6/ 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 marginalised, and this creates more problems for them and their parents. Fortunately, a new citizenship law has given mothers the right to pass

COMPREHENSION

A- Are these sentences true or false? Justify

- 1- When Touria returned to Morocco, she was not married to Michel yet.
- 2- Touria can raise her child according to Moroccan values.

B- Answer these questions.

- 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

- 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.....

D - Find in the text words that mean almost the same as.

- 1- husband (paragraph 1)
- 2- origins (paragraph 2)
- 3- thinks (paragraph 6)

E- What do the underlined words in the text refer to ?

- 1- her:.....
- 2- him:.....
- 3- they :.....

LANGUAGE

A- Fill in each gap with an appropriate word or expression from the text.

- 1- My parents.....travel at the weekend if the weather is nice.
Have – may – need
- 2- you.....have bought all this food. There aren't many guests
Won't - wouldn't - needn't
- 3- Try to avoidfood that contains too much fat
To eat - eating - eat
- 4- The village.....we grew up has completely changed.
Where - which - whose

B- Rewrite the sentences beginning with the words given.

- 1- We didn't send the invitation on time.
The invitation.....
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2- it's a pity I didn't study Biology

I wish.....

3- "How can you remember all those phone numbers?" I asked Tom.

I asked Tom.....

C- Put the verbs between brackets in the correct tense.

Jane : (you take).....your driving test yet?

Badre: Not yet, I'm still taking driving lessons; I hope I (to finish).....next month.

D- Fill in each gap with an appropriate word from the list.

Harmful – connection – consumption – common – powerful

1- The main objective of advertising is to encourage.....

2- Excessive use of mobile phones can beto your health

E- Give the correct form of the words between brackets

1- I finally got a job. I feel (independence)of my parents.

2- The city council has made the necessary (arrange).....for the summer festival.

F- Match each expression with its appropriate function.

1- Many people attended the match despite the bad weather.

2- The wedding party was delayed due to financial problems.

3- He's learning Spanish so as to communicate with his Spanish wife.

4- Physical exercise helps you keep fit. It can also make you feel relaxed.

a- cause and effect

b- concession

c- addition

d- purpose

G- Write appropriate responses to the following situations.

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

You : (complain to the hotel manager).....

2- Teacher : you are late again!

You (apologize)

WRITING

In Morocco, road accidents are responsible for the death and injury of many people. You think that students in your school know more about this serious problem.

Write an article for your school magazine explaining the causes and consequences of the problem and suggesting ways to reduce the number of road accidents in Morocco.