

Quiz 10

Arranging a Marriage in India

1. Why do some cultures prefer arranged marriages?
2. What are the characteristics of cultures that prefer love marriages?
3. T/F In an arranged marriage in India a woman is judged as a prospective daughter-in-law as much as a prospective bride.
4. T/F In India urban well-educated young people do not allow their parents to arrange their marriages.
5. T/F Indian parents often force their children into marriages with partners they find objectionable.
6. T/F In India romantic love is not considered to be of much importance in a happy marriage.
7. What is a “love match?”
8. Why might a young Indian bride be willing to marry a boy she barely knows?
9. T/F When Indian parents look for a possible match, issues such as physical appearance have little importance.
10. Young people in India allow their parents to arrange their marriages because:
 - a. it’s a time worn tradition
 - b. they are ill equipped to deal with the stress of dating
 - c. they believe their parents know more about making such choices
 - d. they don’t trust the durability of a “love match”
 - e. they would not want to compete amongst one another for the best catches
11. How does dowry differ from brideprice?
12. T/F Dowry gifts are no longer legal in India

13. What conditions set the stage for the practice of dowry-killings in India?

14. What considerations do Indian parents make in arranging marriages?
 - a. compatible family background (caste/class/style)
 - b. education – career potential
 - c. sex appeal
 - d. wealth – resources
 - e. social contacts

15. T/F In that arranged marriages are so common in India it has resulted in young Indian women becoming shy and hesitant in social interactions.

16. The prevalence of arranged marriages in India has resulted in.
 - a. higher divorce rates than in the U.S.
 - b. divorce rates similar to those in the U.S.
 - c. many young Indians traveling outside their country to make their own marriage arrangements
 - d. much lower divorce rates than in the U.S.

17. T/F The divorce rate for Indians in arranged marriages is very low.

18. Why might a girl coming from a family with many sisters not be considered a good catch?

19. What factors might cause Indian parents to take many years to locate a proper match for their son/daughter?

20. What factors are causing the arranged marriage system to change?

21. What classes of Indians would be most likely to engage in love marriages?

22. What might be the social economic consequences of the breakdown of the arranged marriage system?