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INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES:

- ➤ This paper consists of **two** sections: A and B. It has **two** examination Items.
- > Section **A** and **B** are Compulsory.
- Answers to section **A must** be written in the spaces provided.
- Answers to section **B must** be written in answer booklet provided.

SECTION A

1. Read the text below and respond to the items that follow.

GROOMING THE BRIDE AMONG THE ITESOTS

The celebration of the honeymoon for any newlywed couple in any culture is a significant doorway into their married life. Among the Teso culture in the days following the traditional marriage, the bride has to prove her worth in her newly marriage.

"Honeymoon is no time to sit and massage one's hands.it is time to test the bride's ability as a wife" says Jonathan Angora whose wife went through the Teso honeymoon decades ago.

"Teso culture dictates that the new bride should be given choices to prove that she is worthy of her new title. She is required to wake up very early every morning, fetch water and prepare breakfast before going to the garden. Once she has worked enough for the day, she has to go back home and prepare lunch. She will fetch water for another in law, should they ask. This is before she comes back to prepare supper. At times, she may be asked by a sister- in- law to grind millet for a meal," adds Angura.

Her mother-in-law will prepare for her. Anyone who gives the bride to do, prepares food for and usually gives her a gift to take to her husband. The gifts taken are in form of maize, ground nuts, millet etc. She then takes these food items, gifts to her mother-in-law with whom she still lives with.

The chores given to the bride are not only from her husband or mother-inlaw, but other family members especially older women. These could be aunts of her husband, step mother and grandmother.

Depending on the family setting, the new bride is mainly attached to the mother-in-law. This because she may not have food and sauce pans of her own. So, she will cook with her mother-in-law until she and her husband can afford to live on their own.

The honeymoon phase may last anywhere from six months to two years depending on how the wife relates with her mother-in-law.

When the wife is nor at home or doing chores, goes she visiting with her husband.

The couple visits the man's relatives particularly aunts, uncles, brothers so they know he is now a married man. "This is the time when the bride learns about her husband's clan, the taboos and any other practices," adds Angura.

Honeymoon ends when the wife leaves her mother-in-laws kitchen by stocking her own food. However, the honeymoon can also be short-lived depending on how she behaves. If she is quarrelsome and disrespectful the wife can be independent in as fast as three months.

If the honeymoon does not end prematurely, during this time parents of the bride are eager to know how their daughter is faring. They send emissaries to find out how she is treated. And should they come to know that she is not happy, the bride's parents call her back home.

Sam Apedel says the bride usually came to her new home with two girls who would help integrate her in the new surroundings, but would also use the opportunity to scout for future husbands. The girls stayed for about three weeks to two months then returned.

"A virgin bride would get a goat as a reward. The goat would be given to the mother in appreciation" Apedel adds.

(From "Bride and Groom" Magazine, issue 34, Page 120)

Items:

a) With reference to the text above, Analyse the Conditions that lead to the end of the honeymoon, in not more than 70 words.		

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b) Do you like the text? Explain reasons for your response. (1 score)
c) Brides in different cultures undergo series of activities to prove their worth, in reference to the text, what's the case for a Teso bride. (01 score)
d) During the honeymoon, the bride learns many things before she moves in with her husband. Referring to the text, what are some of these things or lessons they learn? (01 score)
e) The new bride is given various chores to prove her worth. What is your opinion on that take? (01 score)
f) Apart from helping her in laws with house chores, what are the other ways an itesot bride bonds with them. (02 scores)

SECTION B

2. You are soon winding up your first term and you're eager to meet your friend who happens to be at a different school again after a long time apart. Write to them and show how excited you are and can't wait to see him/ her during holidays.



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