

The Bride Price

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1 People in the book. Match a number from A with a letter from B.

A

- 1 ___ Ezekiel Odia ...
- 2 ___ Chike Ofulue ...
- 3 ___ Okonkwo Odia ...
- 4 ___ Okoboshi Obidi ...
- 5 ___ Ben Adegor ...

B

- a ... had four wives and wanted to be a chief.
- b ... kidnapped Aku-nna so that she would be his wife.
- c ... was a teacher who came from a slave family.
- d ... was the head teacher in the town where the oil company was.
- e ... worked at the factory, building railway engines.

20 marks

2 Match these place with the events: *Benin, Asaba, Lagos, Ughelli, Ibuza*.

- a Where Aku-nna was born.
- b After her father's death, Aku-nna went to live here.
- c On the bus taking Aku-nna to her new home, the countryside changed after this place.
- d The nearest town to Aku-nna's new home.
- e Where Chike got a job with the oil company.

20 marks

3 Who said this in the story? Match a number from A with a letter from B.

A

- 1 ___ 'Always remember that you are mine.'
- 2 ___ 'If you marry her, her family will never forgive us.'
- 3 ___ 'I tell you, a better man has been here before you.'
- 4 ___ 'I'll always love you and love you, in this world and the next world, until the end of time.'
- 5 ___ 'After our baby is born, we shall all go home and visit Father.'

B

- a Aku-nna to Chike.
- b Ezekiel Odia to Aku-nna and Nna-nndo.
- c Chike to Aku-nna.

- d Ofulue to Chike.
- e Aku-nna to Okoboshi.

20 marks

4 Nigerian traditions. Fill the gaps in these sentences.

- a If you wanted to, you could ask the river goddess for help.
- b If you wanted to, you had to shout and sing about all the good things the dead person did in his lifetime.
- c If you wanted to, you had to offer a large, expensive gift to the gods.
- d If you wanted to, you could cut a lock of hair from the one you liked.
- e If you wanted to, you made a doll like that person and pushed a needle through its heart.

20 marks

5 Are these sentences true (T) or false (F)?

- a ___ As a girl, Aku-nna planned to marry a wealthy man who could afford an expensive bride price.
- b ___ Okonkwo wanted Aku-nna's bride price so that he would have enough money to be a chief.
- c ___ A girl with a good education usually had a lower bride price.
- d ___ When Aku-nna became a woman, the young men of the village started to visit her.
- e ___ Chike's father gave Chike and Aku-nna a hundred pounds to help them start their lives together.
- f ___ People said that if the bride price was not paid, the bride would die in childbirth.
- g ___ People believed that Aku-nna was right to run away with Chike.
- h ___ Okonkwo forgave Aku-nna because he became a chief.
- i ___ Okonkwo agreed to take a hundred pounds from Chike's father as Aku-nna's bride price.
- j ___ Aku-nna's daughter died at the same time as her mother.

20 marks

Total marks

Brat Farrar

- 1** Possible content for students' answers.
- a** ... they wanted to catch him by surprise to see him as he really was.
- b** ... he was hoping that the horse would injure or even kill Brat.
- c** ... he thought that Brat would not tell anyone in order to keep his own secret.
- d** ... he was hoping to throw Brat into the quarry and he didn't want anyone to see him.
- e** ... he looked like Simon and also Walter Ashby had a son and no one knew where he was.
- 2** To climb down into the quarry.
- 3** Brat: ambitious, capable, careful, enthusiastic, generous
Simon: rude, jealous, greedy, angry, aggressive
- 4** breed, foal, saddle, stable, pony
- 5**
- a 2
 - b 3
 - c 5
 - d 4
 - e 1
- 6** Students' individual answers.

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- 1**
- 1 e
 - 2 c
 - 3 a
 - 4 b
 - 5 d
- 2**
- a Lagos
 - b Ibuza
 - c Benin
 - d Asaba
 - e Ughelli
- 3**
- 1 b
 - 2 d
 - 3 e
 - 4 a
 - 5 c
- 4**
- a have a child
 - b be a good mourner
 - c be a chief
 - d marry a woman
 - e destroy someone
- 5**
- a T
 - b T
 - c F
 - d T
 - e T
 - f T
 - g F
 - h F
 - i F
 - j F

David Copperfield

- 1**
- a Mr Murdstone
 - b Barkis
 - c Mr Micawber
 - d Mr Dick
 - e Uriah Heap
 - f Steerforth
 - g Daniel Peggotty
 - h Betsey Trotwood
 - i Dora Spenlow
 - j Ham Peggotty
- 2**
- a T
 - b T
 - c T
 - d F
 - e F
- 3**
- 1 b
 - 2 e
 - 3 a
 - 4 c
 - 5 d
- 4**
- a oily
 - b innocent
 - c calm and gentle
 - d cold
 - e cheerful
- 5**
- a 3
 - b 5
 - c 1
 - d 4
 - e 2