

Grade 9 Life Orientation Worksheet

Weddings case studies

Read these case studies and then answer the questions that follow.

Case study 1

Rachel and Chris have been married for two years. Rachel is Jewish and has a special Sabbath dinner every Friday night to which her family and some friends are invited. When the sun goes down, Rachel lights the Sabbath candles and says a prayer. Before they start eating dinner, Rachel's father says a special prayer for wine and another special prayer for the round bread, called kitke, that they eat on the Sabbath. Chris is not Jewish. He is a Christian, but this does not stop him from enjoying the Sabbath dinners or the special Jewish Holy Days. Rachel enjoys being part of Chris's special celebrations on Easter and at Christmas.

Case study 2

Mana is a Xhosa-speaking lady who is married to Frans, who is Afrikaans-speaking. When Mana first met Frans, his family were not happy, because Mara was from a different racial group. Mana's family were also unhappy, because they did not want their daughter to marry a white Afrikaans man. Two years after Mana and Frans were married they had a baby boy, whom they called Andile. Andile's skin is the colour of coffee, and he has smiling brown eyes and curly brown hair. Mana and Frans's parents love their grandchild and come to visit as often as they can.

Case study 3

Lindiwe is in Grade 9 at Top Town High School. One day on coming home from school she told her mother about one of her classmates. "Lee is Chinese, and he is very good at Maths," she said. "All Chinese people are very clever." "You are very clever, too," said Lindiwe's mother. "No, I'm not. I can't do Maths, because I'm a girl," Lindiwe replied crossly.

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Questions
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Why does Rachel celebrate the Sabbath dinner on a Friday night? [2]2. Does it make a difference to her that her husband belongs to a different religion? [2]3. How do Rachel and Chris manage their Holy Days? [2]4. Rachel and Chris don't have children yet. What religion should they bring up their children in? [2]5. Why were Mana and Frans's parents unhappy about their marriage? [2]6. What has brought their parents to accept their marriage? [2]7. Mana's home language is Xhosa and Frans's home language is Afrikaans. They speak English to each other. What language should they speak to their baby? [2]8. Do you agree with Lindiwe that all Chinese people are clever? Explain your answer. [2]9. Was she right when she said that girls cannot do Maths? Explain your answer. [2]10. What can we learn from each of the case studies? [2 marks each = 6]
Total marks: 24

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Suggested Solutions

Question number	Possible marks	Solution
1	24	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Jewish people celebrate the Sabbath from sundown on Friday night to sundown on Saturday night. [2] 2. They each accept each other's religions. [2] 3. They embrace each other's cultures. [2] 4. Own opinion – but should show tolerance. [2] 5. Theirs was a mixed marriage. [2] 6. Having a grandchild has brought the parents to understand the importance of acceptance. [2] 7. Own opinion – but should show tolerance. [2] 8. Own opinion – but should not be stereotypical. [2] 9. Own opinion – but should not be stereotypical. [2] 10. Case study 1 – acceptance, tolerance. Case study 2: acceptance, tolerance, multiracialism, the power of love. Case study 3 – not to stereotype people because of gender or race. [2 marks each = 6]