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Chinese couples asked to take divorce exam

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THE READING

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China is looking at a new way of reducing divorce rates. Officials want couples who file for divorce to take an exam to find out how strong their marriage is and whether it can be saved. Up to half of marriages between those born in the 1980s have got divorced. The rising divorce rate is because more women are working. They are financially independent and less in need of a partner. The rise of dating apps means there are more extramarital affairs.

The divorce test has had a mixed reaction. One official said it was aimed at stopping "impulsive divorces". She said the harmony of the family could "achieve the harmony of an entire society". Internet users were less enthusiastic about the 15-question test. One post asked: "If you remember your wedding anniversary you can't divorce? Divorce isn't a case of amnesia." Another wrote: "They are adults and they have the right to divorce."

Sources: <https://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2018/06/02/warring-chinese-couples-take-divorce-exams-reflect-marriage/>
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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|------------------------------|-----------------|
| 1. couples who file for | a. are working |
| 2. find out how strong their | b. of a partner |
| 3. those born | c. divorce |
| 4. more women | d. affairs |
| 5. financially | e. in the 1980s |
| 6. less in need | f. apps |
| 7. dating | g. marriage is |
| 8. extramarital | h. independent |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. mixed | a. to divorce |
| 2. it was aimed at stopping | b. of the family |
| 3. the harmony | c. enthusiastic |
| 4. the harmony of | d. anniversary |
| 5. Internet users were less | e. amnesia |
| 6. wedding | f. reaction |
| 7. Divorce isn't a case of | g. an entire society |
| 8. they have the right | h. "impulsive divorces" |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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China is looking at (1) _____ of reducing divorce rates.

Officials want couples (2) _____ divorce to take an exam to

find out how strong their marriage is and (3) _____ be

saved. Up to half of marriages between (4) _____ the

1980s have got divorced. The rising divorce rate is because more women are

working. They are financially independent (5) _____ need of

a partner. The (6) _____ apps means there are more

extramarital affairs.

The divorce test has had (7) _____. One official said it was

aimed at stopping "impulsive divorces". She said (8) _____

the family could "achieve the harmony of (9) _____".

Internet (10) _____ enthusiastic about the 15-question test.

One post asked: "If you remember your wedding anniversary you can't

divorce? Divorce isn't (11) _____ amnesia." Another wrote:

"They are adults and they have the (12) _____."

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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DIVORCE TESTS SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about divorce tests in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper. When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

d) _____

e) _____

f) _____

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WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

d) _____

e) _____

f) _____

