

GENERAL PAPER LOGIC

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Study the information below and answer the questions that follow:

In the village called Nyamihuuku, there are five young women and men eligible for marriage. Controversy has arisen due to failure by these youths to choose partners from among themselves. A council of elders has been convened to resolve this matter using the following criteria:

- All the eligible men and women must be married off.
- Any youth eligible for marriage is free to join the group at any stage in search of a partner. This may lead to the displacement of an individual in the group.
- The outcome of the criteria laid down by the elders is considered final.
- The young man with the best attributes is paired with the young woman ranked highest on the list. This order of merit is followed until the final pair has been matched.
- The attributes agreed upon by the elders for the young men and the corresponding weights are shown below:

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Attributes:	Weight:
Willingness to pay bride price	4
Bravery	1
HIV test (negative)	6
Wealth	3
Education (minimum O' level)	5
Physical appearance	2

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- Zepha is a wealthy businessman, but he is a miser and illiterate. He has vowed to fight bride price. He is HIV positive.
- Xavier is a very handsome university graduate, but he is a coward and lazy. He is yet to take the HIV test.
- Vincent has a farm with fifteen Friesian cows. He has attained an O' level certificate. He lost one eye while fighting off a lion that had attacked his cows. He is HIV negative.
- Willy has twenty five cows of local breed. He is illiterate, but handsome, hardworking and a good hunter. He has refused to take the HIV test.
- Yoash comes from a wealthy family and has completed senior six. He is HIV negative.

All the young men, unless otherwise stated, are willing to pay bride price if it is affordable.

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The young women have been ranked in descending order of merit as follows:

- Brenda
- Esther
- Cathy
- Allen
- Diana

Questions

- a) Following the elders' criteria, determine which young man will marry which young woman in the village.
- b) If a sixth young man, Quinton, showed up with the following attributes: handsome, newly qualified teacher and HIV negative, how would he affect the pairing of the group?
- c) Why should HIV testing be a priority during marriage arrangements?
- d) Examine the relevance of bride price in your community

