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1- In Cambodia the choice of a spouse is a complex one for the young male.

It may involve not only his parents and his friends, \_\_\_\_\_ those of the young women, but also a matchmaker.

A young man can \_\_\_\_\_ a likely spouse on his own and then ask his parents to \_\_\_\_\_ the marriage negotiations, or the young man's parents may make the choice of a spouse, giving the child little to say in the selection.

\_\_\_\_\_, a girl may veto the spouse her parents have chosen.

\_\_\_\_\_ a spouse has been selected, each family investigates the other to make sure its child is marrying \_\_\_\_\_ a good family.

2- The traditional wedding is a long and colorful affair.

Formerly it lasted three days, \_\_\_\_\_ by the 1980s it more commonly lasted a day and a half.

Buddhist priests offer a short sermon and \_\_\_\_\_ prayers of blessing.

Parts of the ceremony involve ritual hair cutting, \_\_\_\_\_ cotton threads soaked in holy water around the bride's and groom's wrists ,and \_\_\_\_\_ a candle around a circle of happily married and respected couples to bless the \_\_\_\_\_.

Newlyweds traditionally move in with the wife's parents and may \_\_\_\_\_ with them up to a year, \_\_\_\_\_ they can build a new house nearby.

**3-** Divorce is legal and easy to \_\_\_\_\_, but not common.

Divorced persons are \_\_\_\_\_ with some disapproval.

Each spouse retains \_\_\_\_\_ property he or she \_\_\_\_\_ into the marriage, and jointly-acquired property is \_\_\_\_\_ equally.

Divorced persons may remarry, but a gender prejudice \_\_\_\_\_ up: The divorced male doesn't have a waiting period before he can remarry \_\_\_\_\_ the woman must wait \_\_\_\_\_ months.