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DATE: 16TH DECEMBER, 2022

DURATION: 2:00 - 5:00PM

INSTRUCTIONS

Attempt **THREE** questions. Question **ONE** is compulsory.

1. Read the passage and answer the questions that follow.

I WANT A WIFE

I belong to that classification of people known as wives. I am a wife. And, not all together incidentally, I am a mother.

Not long ago a male friend of mine appeared on the scene from a recent divorce. He had one child, who is of course, with his ex-wife. He is obviously looking for another wife. As I thought about him while I was ironing one evening, it suddenly occurred to me that I too, would like to have a wife. Why do I want a wife?

I would like to go back to school so that I can become economically independent, support myself, and, if need be support those who depend upon me. I want a wife who will work and send me to school. And while I am going to school, I want a wife to keep track of the children's doctor and dentist's appointment. And track mine too. I want a wife to make sure my children eat properly and are kept clean. I want a wife who will wash the children's clothes and keep them mended.

I want a wife who is a good nurturant attendant to my children, who arranges for their schooling, makes sure that they have an adequate social life with their peers, takes them to the park, zoo etc.

I want a wife who takes care of the children when they are sick, a wife who arranges to be around when the children need special care, because, of course they cannot miss classes at school. My wife must arrange to lose time at work and not lose the job. It may mean a small cut in my wife's income from time to time, but I guess I can tolerate that. Needless to say, my wife will arrange and pay for the care of the children while my wife is working.

I want a wife who will take care of my physical needs. I want a wife who will keep my house clean. A wife who will pick up after me. I want a wife who will keep my clothes clean, ironed, mended, replaced when need be, and will see to it that my personal things are kept in their proper place so that I can find what I need the minute I need it. I want a wife who cooks the meals, a wife who is a good cook. I want a wife who will plan the menus, do the necessary grocery shopping, prepare the meals, serve them pleasantly, and then do the cleaning up while I do my studying. I want a wife who will take care of me when I am sick and sympathise with my pain and loss of time from school. I want a wife to go along when our family takes a vacation so that someone can continue to care for my children and me when I need a rest and change of scene.

I want a wife who will not bother me with rambling complaints about a wife's duties. But I want a wife who will listen to me when I feel the need to explain a rather difficult point I have come across in my course of studies. And I want a wife who will type my papers for me when I have written them.

I want a wife who will take care of my details of my social life. When my wife and I are invited out by my friends, I want a wife who will take care of the babysitting arrangements. When I meet people at school that I like and want to entertain, I want a wife who will have the house clean, will prepare a special meal, serve it to me and my friends, and not interrupt when I talk about the things that interest me and my friends. I want a wife who will have arranged that the children are fed and ready for bed before my guests arrive so that the children do not bother us. I want a wife who takes care of the needs of my guests so that they feel comfortable, who makes sure that they have an ash tray, that they are passed the hors d' oeuvres, that they are offered a second helping of the food, that their wine glasses are replenished when necessary, that their coffee is served to them as they like it.

And I want a wife who knows that sometimes I need a night out by myself.

I want a wife who is sensitive to my sexual needs, a wife who makes love passionately and eagerly when I feel like it. A wife who makes sure that I am satisfied. And, of course, I want a wife who will not demand sexual attention when I am not in the mood for it. I want a wife who assumes the complete responsibility for birth control, because I do not need more children. I want a wife who will remain sexually faithful to me so that I do not have to clutter my intellectual life with jealousies. And I want a wife who understands that my sexual needs may entail more than strict adherence to monogamy. I must, after all, be able to relate to people as fully as possible.

If, by chance, I find another person more suitable as a wife than the wife I already have, I want the liberty to replace my present wife with another one. Naturally, I will expect a fresh, new life; my wife will take the children and be solely responsible for them so that I am left free.

When I am through with school and have a job. I want my wife to quit working and remain at home so that my wife can more fully and completely take care of a wife's duties. My God, who wouldn't want a wife?

(Judy Syfers)

Questions

1. a) Discuss the narrative point of view used in the passage? How effective is it? (07 marks)
- b) In your own words, state the writer's aim in the passage. (8 marks)
- c) What stylistic devices does the writer use in the passage? (15 marks)
- d) Supposing you were a husband, what lessons would you draw from this passage? (10 marks)

Total marks for question 1=40

2. a) What is variation in stylistics? (05 marks)
- b) What are the various causes of variation? (25 marks)
3. Write a book review for any of the recent books you have read. (30 marks)
4. Write a simple outline of a research report of your choice either on language or Literature. (30 marks)

5. Write short notes on the following;

- a) The language of religion (10 marks)
- b) Newspaper and broadcasting (10 marks)
- c) Formal language (10 marks)

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