

ZIMSEC ENGLISH ESSAY MARKING REPORT

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<i>Well tried</i>

ORIGINAL ESSAY WITH CORRECTIONS

A Family Memorable Event Last year December, our family ~~have~~ **had** one of the most exciting ~~moment~~ **moments** ever. It ~~was~~ **were** the wedding of my cousin sister, and all of us ~~was~~ **were** very happy because it ~~was~~ **were** a long time since we ~~attend~~ **attended** a big family event. The wedding ~~was~~ **were** to be held at our village, so we travelled there by bus, it ~~was~~ **were** a long journey but we ~~enjoy~~ **enjoyed** every ~~moment~~ **moments**. When we arrived, everyone in the village ~~were already preparing~~ **were already preparing** for the big day. Aunties were cooking, uncles are setting up chairs and decorations. ~~I and my siblings help~~ **My siblings and I helped** with the cleaning of the hall. The day of the wedding came very fast, and the bride ~~was~~ **were** ~~look~~ **looked** so beautiful in her white dress. There ~~was~~ **were** many visitors from different places. We ~~eat~~ **ate** lot of food, danced and ~~taking~~ **took** many pictures. My father ~~make~~ **made** a speech that ~~make~~ **mades** everyone laugh. My grandmother who ~~was~~ **were** very old, ~~she cried~~ **cried** because of happiness. I remember feeling so joyful and proud to be part of such a loving family. After the wedding, we stayed in the village for ~~some few more days~~ **a few more days**. We played games, ~~tell~~ **told** stories by the fire and just spend time together. It ~~was~~ **were** a ~~moment~~ **moments** I will never forget because it ~~bring~~ **brought** all of us close ~~than~~ **closer than** before.

TEACHER FEEDBACK

Ngonidzashe, this is a good start! You have clearly understood the prompt and have presented a narrative that is easy to follow. The structure of your essay is logical, and you have included relevant details about the family wedding. However, to improve your writing, you need to focus on your grammar and use of language. Pay close attention to verb tenses and subject-verb agreement. Try to use more descriptive language to paint a clearer picture for the reader. For example, instead of saying 'The bride was look so beautiful,' you could say 'The bride looked radiant in her white dress, her smile lighting up the room.' Also, try to vary your sentence structure to make your writing more engaging. Remember to proofread carefully for spelling and grammatical errors before submitting your work. Keep practicing, and you will see improvement!

IMPROVED VERSION FOR LEARNING

Last December, our family had one of the most exciting moments ever. It was the wedding of my cousin sister, and we were all very happy because it had been a long time since we had attended a big family event. The wedding was held at our village, so we travelled there by bus. It was a long journey, but we enjoyed every moment. When we arrived, everyone in the village was already preparing for the big day. Aunts were cooking, and uncles were

setting up chairs and decorations. My siblings and I helped with the cleaning of the hall. The day of the wedding came very quickly, and the bride looked so beautiful in her white dress. There were many visitors from different places. We ate a lot of food, danced, and took many pictures. My father made a speech that made everyone laugh. My grandmother, who was very old, cried tears of happiness. I remember feeling so joyful and proud to be part of such a loving family. After the wedding, we stayed in the village for a few more days. We played games, told stories by the fire, and just spent time together. It was a moment I will never forget because it brought all of us closer than before.