

## QUESTIONS ON SO LONG A LETTER

### PART TWO

1. Which one of the following reasons best explains why Mawdo mother insisted he marries young Nabou?
  - A. Aissatou was older than Mawdo.
  - B. Aissatou is too educated for her likening.
  - C. Young Nabou can give her female grandchildren.
  - D. Aissatou was the daughter of a mere goldsmith.
2. Which one of the following excuses did Mawdo give for his acceptance to marry young Nabou.
  - A. He feared his mother would die if he refuses to marry her.
  - B. Young Nabou can give birth to female children.
  - C. Young Nabou is young and beautiful.
  - D. Young Nabou is a midwife and will understand a medical officer better than Aissatou would.
3. According to Aissatou which one of the following reasons actually made Mawdo marry young Nabou?
  - A. His instincts for young Nabou dominated him.
  - B. He wanted to please his mother.
  - C. He could not differentiate between heartfelt love and physical love.
  - D. He was happy to experience polygamy.
4. According to Ramatoulaye, which one of the following saved Aissatou from a possible emotional breakdown?
  - A. Books.
  - B. Her salary.
  - C. Her four boys.
  - D. Ramatoulaye's encouragement and presence.
5. Which one of the following is not among the criticisms Mawdo levelled at young Nabou....
  - A. Young Nabou is dirty.
  - B. Young Nabou gives his food away to visitors.
  - C. Young Nabou gives clothes away to visitors.
  - D. Young Nabou is a flirt.
6. Which one of the following made Mawdo restless after his marriage to young Nabou?
  - A. Young Nabou like Aissatou gave birth to only male children.
  - B. Young Nabou opened up his home for his relatives from Diakhao.
  - C. Young Nabou did not know how to massage him
  - D. Young Nabou was too demanding.
7. Ramatoulaye's first complaint to Aissatou is that.....
  - A. she is missed
  - B. Modou is dead
  - C. the world is not a fair place
  - D. divorce is unfair.

Use the information in the following extract to answer questions 8-10.

"Where to lie down? Middle age demands dignity. I hold tightly to my prayer beads. Hold the beads ardently, remaining standing on legs of jelly. My lions beat as to the rhythm of childbirth."

8. The above extract proves that even in death, Ramatoulaye ....
  - A. was confused about her feelings.
  - B. was still in love with Modou.
  - C. was not matured like Aissatou.
  - D. was not able to hold herself together.
- "Remain standing on legs of jelly,"
9. The above line illustrates the use of ....
  - A. irony.
  - B. exaggeration.
  - C. metaphor.
  - D. pun.
10. Judging from this extract, which one of the following saved Ramatoulaye from collapsing?
  - A. Her old age and maturity.
  - B. Her love for her children.
  - C. Her spirituality.
  - D. Her memories of their love.
11. Modou's marriage to Ramatoulaye lasted for ....
  - A. twenty years.
  - B. thirty years.
  - C. five years.
  - D. fourteen years.
12. Ramatoulaye had ..... whilst her co-wife had .....
  - A. twelve children and four.
  - B. twelve children and three.
  - C. twelve children and seven.
  - D. ten children and three.
13. The major criticism from Ramatoulaye during the funeral rites of Modou was that ....
  - A. the women are only interested in loose talks.
  - B. the period was marked by too much eating.
  - C. the smell of lakh is all over the place.
  - D. too much money is displayed which could have saved the dead.
14. Which one of the following is not a fair assessment of Ramatoulaye?
  - A. She is full of revenge
  - B. She is very religious
  - C. She is intelligent
  - D. She finds solace in the past.
15. Which one of the following constitutes the mother of all betrayals suffered by Ramatoulaye?
  - A. Modou failed to consider her love for him.
  - B. Modou left her after thirty years of marriage.
  - C. Modou forgot about Ramatoulaye and her children when he married Binetou
  - D. The twelve children they had, meant nothing to Modou.
16. Ramatoulaye fell in love with Modou's because .....

- A. He knew how to talk well.
  - B. He was tall and athletically built.
  - C. He knew how to express tender feelings.
  - D. His olive-coloured skin fascinated her.
17. According to Ramatoulaye, Jacqueline and the other two women at the hospital were all suffering from .....
- A. a heart attack.
  - B. moral torment.
  - C. chest pains.
  - D. sore throat.
18. Ramatoulaye's advice to Doctors is that ....
- A. they should investigate further the academic life of their female patients who suffered a nervous breakdown.
  - B. they should conduct more electroencephalogram to know the cause of a nervous breakdown
  - C. they needed to be gentle with the female patients.
  - D. frustrations in life and unrequited love are the roots causes of mental illness.
19. Dieynaba, Arame and Yacine caused their mother a great deal of concern because...
- A. they failed to learn hard
  - B. they gossiped too much
  - C. they were rude
  - D. they had mastered the art of smoking
20. The last addressee of the letter is ....
- A. Binetou.
  - B. Aissatou.
  - C. Ramatoulaye.
  - D. Mawdo.