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Topic: Traditional and modern medicine

Text: Purification

After that I got stronger every day until the doctors pronounced me out of danger. Then, they met together to perform a final ceremony, after which I would be allowed to resume my normal life. I looked forward to seeing my friends again, going to the mission house, eating mangoes, and even going to school.

My parents were asked to provide one goat, one sheep, two cockerels and five pounds. The cockerels had to be black and white because both black and white wizards might be causing my illness, and must be pacified. The ceremony started at dawn one Sunday morning. The doctors slaughtered the animals and they cooked a large meal. A preparation of corn was cooked with the meat, and all our house and friends joined in the meal. After this a rare and secret herb was mixed with water and sprinkled on me, and all around the house. The remaining mixture was put in a calabash in our bedroom and I was to drink from it for the next seven days.

This was a purification ceremony, designed to drive out any evil spirits that were hidden in the corners of our home. Had it not been performed, the spirits might have returned to trouble me again. Or they might have attacked some other child in the house and caused his death. So the whole house was purified, the doctors left with their fees and the grateful thanks of my parents and I was ready to resume my normal life.

QUESTIONS:

I. Reading comprehension

A. Multiple choice questions: copy the complete sentences containing the correct answer.

1. The illness of the author was due to

- a. Wizards
- b. Cockerels
- c. One goat
- d. One ship

2. They ate during the ceremony.

- a. Cockerels, wizards and a goat.
- b. Cockerels, a goat and a sheep.
- c. A goat, a sheep and wizards.
- d. A goat, a sheep, cockerels and corn.

B. True/False questions: copy the true sentences and correct the false ones.

- 1. The purification ceremony concerned the author only.
- 2. The ceremony took place very early in the morning.
- 3. People who were not the author's family members also ate the meal.
- 4. The ceremony consisted of eating only.

C. Answer the following questions:

- 1. Which things was the author in a hurry?
- 2. Tell the difference steps of the ceremony.
- 3. Who prepared the meals and where did they prepare them?

II. LANGUAGE:

A. Copy down each word from the list on the left with one on the right so as to make pairs of synonyms

A	B
Perform	give
Resume	disperse
Provide	begin again
sprinkle	do

B. Complete these sentences with can, could, be able to (affirmative or negative).

1. Can you read this for me? I see without my glasses.
2. When he was 20, he speak six languages.
3. When I was child I used to stand on my head.
4. Yesterday I lost my keys and I looked for them everywhere, but I find them.

C. Put the verbs in brackets into simple past.

1. My uncle (to be) a taxi driver.
2. Yesterday my (to cook) a good soup.
3. Moussa (to come) from very far from here.
4. We (speak not) English two years ago.

D. Translate into French:

After that I got stronger everyday until the doctors pronounced me out of danger. Then, they met together to perform a final ceremony, after which I would be allowed to resume normal life.

E. Translate into English:

Le problème avec la médecine traditionnelle est quelle signifie souvent différentes choses pour différentes personnes.

III. COMPOSITION :

choose only one topic

- A. In a ten line essay, tell us which one you prefer between modern and traditional medicine. Support your choice.
- B. Mamadou Tounkara, Director of Lux Development-Segou, wants to buy cell phones for his employees. He writes to the Sales Manager of Malitel-Segou and asks for full details of phones' qualities prizes and guarantees. Write Mamadou's letter with the appropriate layout.