

2016 考研英语一完型答案解析

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, **as well as** those of the young woman, but also a matchmaker. A young man can **decide on** a likely spouse on his own and then ask his parents to **arrange** 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. **In theory**, a girl may veto the spouse her parents have chosen. **After** a spouse has been selected, each family investigates the other to make sure its child is marrying **into** a good family.

The traditional wedding is a long and colorful affair. Formerly it lasted three days, **but** in the 1980s it more commonly lasted a day and a half. Buddhist priests offer a short sermon and **recite** prayers of blessing. Parts of the ceremony involve ritual hair cutting, **tying** cotton threads soaked in holy water around the bride's and groom's wrists, and **passing** a candle around a circle of happily married and respected couples to bless the **union**. Newlyweds traditionally move in with the wife's parents and may **live** with them up to a year, **until** they can build a new house nearby.

Divorce is legal and easy to **obtain**, but not common. Divorced persons are **viewed** with some disapproval. Each spouse retains **whatever** property he or she **brought** into the marriage, and jointly-acquired property is **divided** equally. Divorced persons may remarry, but a gender prejudice **shows** up: The divorced male doesn't have a waiting period before he can remarry **while** the woman must wait ten months.