

Part II

Questions 8-12

- You are going to read an article about a couple who recently got married.
- The article is divided into 6 paragraphs.
- Choose the correct heading for each paragraph from the list A – G.
- There is one extra heading which you do not need to use.
- There is an example at the beginning (0).

A	Unconventional plans
B	Traditional exchanging of services
C	They had a ball!
D	Green tendencies set the tone
E	Home catering is always better
F	The bride and groom looked great!
G	Cheap weddings are possible

How to Have a Budget Wedding

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One bride and groom has managed to add new meaning to the word ‘budget’ by getting married for just £1. This is a fraction of the £20,000 average cost of a wedding in the UK. Georgina Porteous, 36, who married Sid Innes, said: "I don't see the point in these massive weddings. It takes away from what marriage is truly about." They had rings, flowers, a cake and a photographer, and managed it with a combination of donations, recycling old clothes and serving homemade food. They also hosted a reception with a picnic, drinks, jazz music and dancing at a romantic setting in the Scottish Highlands. Apart from the £70 they had to pay by law for their marriage fees, their only expenditure was a pound on Georgina's vintage wedding gown. She added: "There is nothing to gain from spending a huge amount of money. The day is supposed to be about marrying the person you love and for us all that mattered was that we were becoming husband and wife.

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Georgina, an artist, met singer-songwriter Sid, 39, at an art fair in Glasgow in 2009 and immediately said 'yes' when he proposed in Berlin last year. Georgina said: "From day one of the engagement we knew we wanted a small and cheap wedding, it was a natural thing for us because we are so invested in recycling and self-sustainability. The couple, who live near Inverness, started planning their big day but as they are both dedicated to recycling and self-sufficiency, they vowed to keep their nuptials as simple as possible. The only expense they could not avoid was the statutory £70 for the fees required to marry, but everything else was donated or sourced for free.

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"We were really excited about organising it all. We have always been a bit alternative and arty so I enjoyed doing something a little different from everyone else's weddings. We wanted to make sure we didn't fall into the traps of "traditional weddings" where everything costs a fortune with hundreds of guests". So the couple decided to make it a small affair in a barn behind their idyllic cottage, and decorate it with solar lanterns, locally grown flowers and hay bales donated from farmers.

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Georgina was stunning in a 1960s hand-made floor-length ivory wedding gown with embroidered sleeves. She found the dress the website 'Freecycle', an online community where people can swap unwanted items, and it cost her pound - their only expenditure on the day itself. Sid opted for a stylish tweed suit he had bought years ago from Marks and Spencer. Georgina's mum Susanne, a church reader, conducted the ceremony in front of 70 guests. The couple exchanged wedding rings hand-crafted by Georgina using antlers she found in their garden.

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They were officially pronounced man and wife by local reverend Peter Donald, who had offered to marry them for free so the guests had a whip-round to make donations to the church. An official wedding photographer was on hand to capture the occasion after Georgina, also a freelance film editor, offered to work for him in return. Each guest had been asked to bring food and drink, so they tucked into home-made quiches, sausage rolls, boiled potatoes, fresh bread and salad. Georgina's aunt had baked a three-tier chocolate orange wedding cake infused with Lady Grey tea, with the couple's initials intertwined on top for decoration.

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After the wedding picnic, everyone partied the night away, as Georgina's talented father, Harry, played some 1940s jazz on his saxophone. Georgina added: "We had so much fun and it was exciting to see what dish everyone had brought. We all sat around after the ceremony and had a little picnic, it was great and all the food was gone by the end so we didn't waste any of it. There was quite a relaxed atmosphere and everyone was chatting to one another, and then when it got later everyone was enjoying the music and joining in with all the dances. We had a whale of a time. The day went beautifully. It was really family-focused and emotional. Lots of people said it was the best wedding they have ever been to."