

ANGLAIS

Silence, one of the principal causes of sexual violence

5 Having heard of many cases of early pregnancy and violence in and around schools in 2008 and 2009, UNICEF funded and conducted a study for a more detailed picture of the nature, extent and causes of this global phenomenon The study reveals widespread violence against girls aged 10 to 13 and that girls safety hinges on families willingness to speak out against sexual violence. It found that in three regions, family, social and cultural pressures bred silence and impunity, which is why it is urgent for the taboo surrounding sexual violence to be lifted in society and above all in the family.

10 For Seynabou, a state education worker, family honour is an important factor. In this culture the family's honour is first and foremost, she said. The first consideration is saving face among the adults; people do not think of the young girl who is the victim of something that carries inconceivable consequences. Researchers found that social pressures disarm families in the face of rape. Even if parents want to react, more often than not, they opt to settle the matter within the family, or ask a traditional local leader to mediate, the report says. Moreover, families do not want to talk about these arrangements between the family members and the perpetrator. This makes it difficult to have open discussions in the community about the problem and its impact. Some local experts and residents said it was mostly because of a family's fear of social stigma that rape cases were not pursued in court. A girl, Seynabou said, is destined for marriage, so the family does not want her to be singled out and marginalized. In many cases, the assailant is a family member, which makes it all the more unlikely that legal recourse will be sought. When a girl is raped or beaten by a family member or someone close to the family, people try to find a compromise within the circle because this society looks down upon someone who would bring a close friend or relation to court.

25 It is not only in rape cases that culture has a negative impact on girls, child welfare experts and educators said, naming several other practices they think constitute violence . forced early marriage, early pregnancy and female genital mutilation. When certain rites are practiced as part of religious or traditional beliefs, it is not easy to eradicate them from one day to the next. A reluctance to speak out plays a role here as well", Oumar, an education specialist, told the researchers. The fact that these practices are deep-seated in society and culture means there is a reticence to denounce them. This blocks understanding of the reality, of the potential harm. It's a delicate situation, he added.

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(8 marks)

words meaning approximately the same as :
(0.5 mark x 3 = 01.5 marks)

1. Forbidden to be discussed (par. 1): _____
2. A disgrace or humiliation (par. 2): _____
3. Forced sexual relation (par. 3): _____

B. Choose the letter a, b, c or d corresponding to the right answer

(0.5 mark x 2 = 01 mark)

4. **Í girlsÐsafety hinges on familiesÐwillingness to speak out against sexual violenceÎ** means girlsÐsecurity:

- a. Will be put at risk if families speak out against sexual violence ;
- b. will be assured by families' silence ;
- c. will not be possible if families speak out ;
- d. depends on families accepting not to make sexual violence a taboo.

5. **Í saving face among the adultsÎ** means :

- a. adults being face to face ;
- b. adults not wanting to be dishonored ;
- c. young people facing adults ;
- d. the victim facing society.

C. What do the following words refer to in the text ?

(0.5 mark x 3 = 01.5 marks)

6. Which (l.19) : ò ò ò ò ò ò ò ò .
7. They (l.25) : ò ò ò ò ò ò ò ò .
8. This (l.30) : ò ò ò ò ò ò ò ò .

D. Circle TRUE or FALSE and justify your answers by quoting a specific passage from the text :

(1 mark x 4 = 04 marks)

9. . Social, family and cultural factors prevent people from talking about rape:
T / F:
10. . Seynabou thinks that family members' silence will protect girls.
T / F:
11. . Most of the time, those who commit rape are members of the girl's family.
T / F:
12. . Society approves of neighbours who commit rape being taken to justice.
T / F:

II. COMMUNICATIVE COMPETENCE (06 marks)

E. Complete this conversation meaningfully. In case there is a verb between brackets, put it into the correct form.

(0.5 mark x 6 = 03 marks)

Siaka : What's wrong with your daughter, Mbissane ?

Mbissane : Well, she. ò ò ò ò ò 13 (to be/just/rape) by a young man!

Siaka : My God ! Who. ò ò ò ò ò 14 (to do) such an awful act ?

Mbissane : It is Demba, Baye, Modou's son.

Siaka : Why don't you. ò ò ò ò ò 15 (to take) him to court ?

If I. ò ò ò ò ò ò . 16 (to be) you, I would do it immediately.

Mbissane : Oh ! you know, he's our neighbour's son, if we take him to court, people will blame us, 17. ò ò ò ò ò . ?

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I has to face the consequences of his heinous act.

o o o o .. (18)?

Mbissane : Absolutely, I'm going to discuss it with my family. Thanks for your concern, Siaka.

- F. **The lawyer defending Mbissane's daughter is giving his opinion about what he thinks are the obstacles to the eradication of rape in society. Put the words between brackets into the right forms to complete his advocacy/speech.**

(0.5 mark x 3 = 01.5 marks)

In our society, whenever there is a problem between people, neighbors undertake a 19ōōōōō.. (to mediate). That should not be. Those who break the law, mainly 20ōōōōō. (rape), must all be punished. Not doing so makes it difficult for people to be 21ōōōōō. (safety).

- G. **Choose the suitable words from the box to complete the following passage.**

(0.5 mark x 3 = 01.5 marks)

so, although, despite, unlike, unless

22.ōōōōō.. the rape phenomenon is widespread in our society, people don't often talk about it. 23ōōōōō, more and more girls are suffering from it. And this will continue 24ōōōōō. drastic measures are taken by the government.

III. WRITING : (06 marks)

Choose ONE topic and write about 150-200 words

1. Do you agree with those who believe that the way girls dress today is one of the reasons why there are so many rapes today? Give your reasons
2. Write a letter to the Minister in Charge of Family Affairs to tell her about the causes and consequences of the rape phenomenon in Senegal. Suggest solutions to overcome the problem. (Sign your letter **Mamadou** or **Fatou**)