

Handout 1 : Najmee is reading about the traditional accessories worn at the Gawai Dayak festival.

Gawai Dayak is a festival celebrated in Sarawak on the 1st and 2nd June every year. The Gawai Dayak is celebrated by the Dayaks. During this festival, a traditional dance called the *Ngajat* is performed.

While performing the dance, the male dancers wear a headgear called *burang sumba*. It is made of cloth with golden lace. They wear a long loin-cloth called *tahup*. It is wrapped neatly around the body with one end hanging down in front and the other end hanging behind. They wear bangles and a pair of earrings. They hold a long sword in one hand and an ornately decorated shield in the other.

The female dancers wear an elaborate headdress called *sipiah* and a knee length dress with intricate weaving. It is called *jomuh*. Their necklaces are made of beads. Copper bangles called *sarim* are worn on the legs from the knee downward. They wear copper bangles on their arms and forearms as well. Copper belts called *porik* are also worn by the women.

In conclusion, if you have never seen a *Ngajat* dance, visit Sarawak during Gawai Dayak to experience its uniqueness.

Exercise 1 : Complete the table.

Description of accessories	Name of traditional accessories
1. Male dancer's headgear.	
2. Female dancer's headdress.	
3. A loin-cloth.	
4. A knee length dress with intricate weaving	
5. Bangles worn from the knee downward.	
6. Copper belt	

Exercise B : Refer to the comprehension text and answer the questions that follow.

I. The Gawai Dayak festival is celebrated _____.

fortnightly	
monthly	
annually	

2. The traditional dance of the Dayaks is called _____.

<i>tahup</i>	
<i>ngajat</i>	
<i>burang samba</i>	

3. Match the phrase in List A to the suitable phrase in List B.

List A		List B
While dancing, the male dancers wear		is made of cloth with golden lace.
The female dancers wear copper bangles		with intricate weaving.
<i>Jamuh</i> is the knee length dress		a headgear called <i>burang sumba</i> .
The male dancer's headgear		on their legs.

Exercise C : Write your answer in the space provided.

4. List two traditional accessories worn by the female dancers.

(a) _____

(b) _____

5. List two traditional accessories worn by the male dancers.

(a) _____

(b) _____