Read the texts below. Match choices to the texts 1-5. There are three choices you do not need to use.

Wedding traditions around the world



1 Germany
Guests at traditional German weddings bring the happy couple different porcelain plates, and then smash them in the belief that this will scare off evil spirits. The couple are then expected to clean up the mess together, learning that married life will not be easy, but that by working together, they can overcome any challenge.

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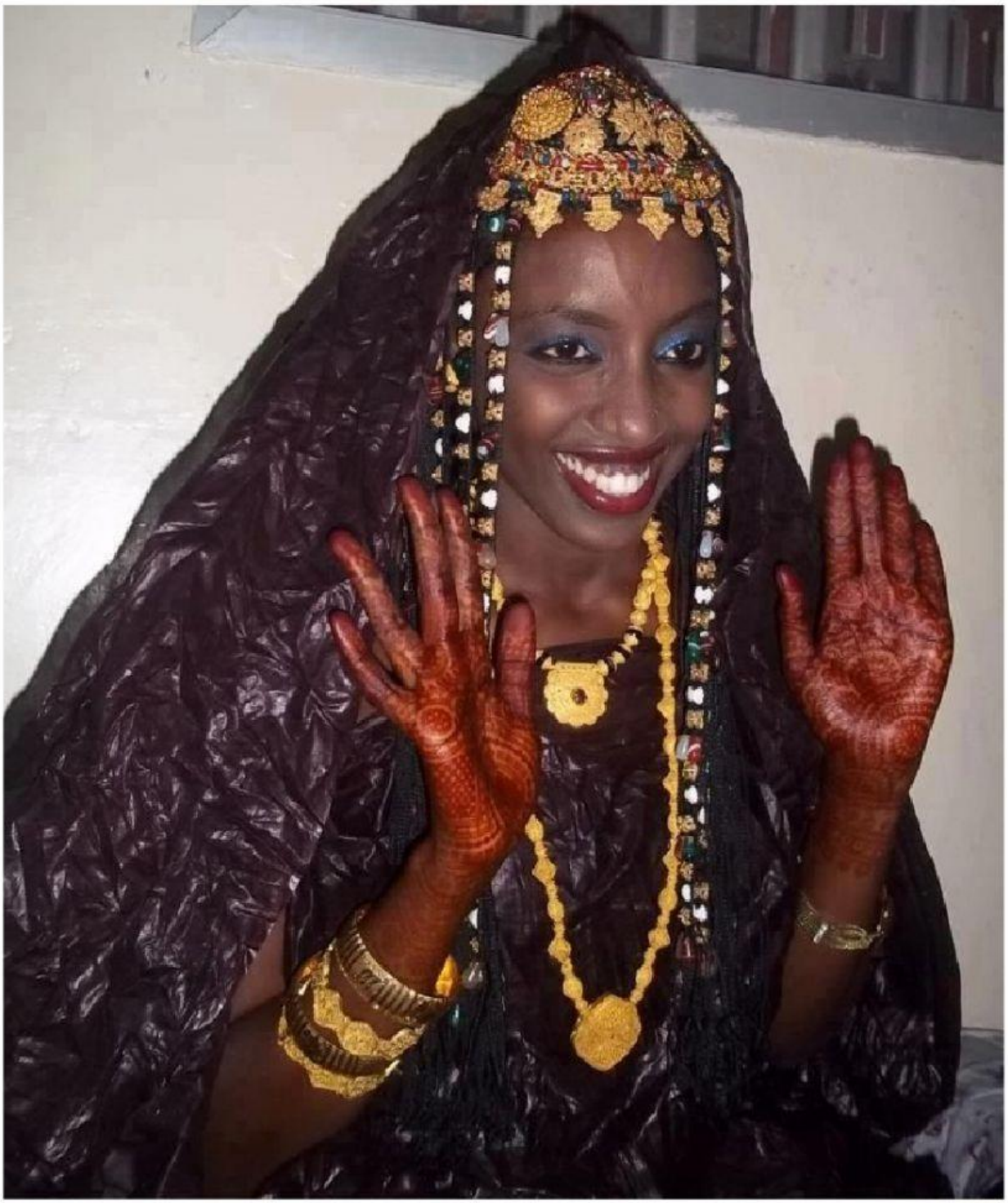


2 Ireland
in Ireland, the bride's feet must stay on the floor at all times when she and the groom are dancing. This is due to the belief that if they don't, evil fairies will come and sweep her away.

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3 Mauritania



In Mauritania, girls aged between five and fifteen are sent to "fat farms" before their wedding to put on the pounds. If a bride has stomach rolls, stretch marks and overlapping thighs, it signals that her husband is wealthy enough to keep her satisfied.

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4 Guatemala
After the wedding, everyone typically goes to the groom's house. Hanging over the doorway is a white ceramic bell filled with rice, flour, and other different types of grain - all of which represent wealth. As the couple arrives, the mother of the groom welcomes them and ceremonially breaks the bell, bringing the couple wealth and good luck.

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5 India
When the groom takes off his shoes on the way to the mandap (altar), the bride's family promptly tries to steal and hide his footwear. The groom's family must try and protect the shoes at all costs - and so the battle of the families begins! If the bride's family gets away with the shoes, the groom must pay a ransom to get them back.

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6 Spain
After the wedding, usually during the reception, the groom will be surrounded by his groomsmen and closest friends, who will cut the tie from around his neck! The tie will then be cut into small pieces and auctioned off to the wedding guests, bringing good luck to everyone who manages to get a piece.

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