Students Reading Worksheet



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DISCUSSION TEXT READING EXCERCISE

Read the discussion text bellow carefully!

Should the Ruwatan Tradition Be Preserved?



Ruwatan is a traditional Javanese ceremony aimed at cleansing individuals or communities from bad luck or misfortune. In Malang, East Java, this ritual is still practiced by some communities. Often times the ceremony includes shadow puppet performances (wayang), offerings, and traditional ceremonial prayers. However, in today's modern society, the relevance and continuation of this tradition are being debated.

Many people believe that Ruwatan should be preserved because it is an important part of local culture and identity. It reflects deep spiritual values and ancient wisdom passed down through generations. The ceremony can also serve as a cultural attraction, promoting tourism and educating younger generations about Javanese traditions. Moreover, some people still feel psychological relief and peace after participating in the ritual, which gives it personal value beyond religious or cultural boundaries.

On the other hand, the critics argue that Ruwatan is outdated and not in line with modern beliefs or scientific studies. Some see it as superstition that may mislead people or prevent them from solving their problems rationally. Others worry that such ceremonies may involve unnecessary expenses, especially for those who cannot afford them. In addition, younger generations are becoming less interested in such traditional practices, leading to concerns about relevance and practicality.

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In conclusion, while Ruwatan holds cultural and emotional significance for many people, its continuation should consider the changing values of society. Efforts to modernize the practice without losing its essence might help it remain meaningful and accessible in today's world.

A. Vocabulary Matching

Match the words with the correct meaning!



Ritual

To maintain or keep something in its original or existing state.



Superstition

The quality of being related to or appropriate for the current time or situation.



Cleansing

A religious or cultural ceremony passed down through generations.



Preserve

A spiritual or symbolic purification or cleaning.



Relevance

A belief not based on logic or scientific reasoning.

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B. Name the Parts

Match the sentence from the text with the correct structure of discussion text!

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C. Checking Understanding

Answer these questions based on the information from the text!

1. What is the main issue being discussed in the text?

2. Why do some people think it is important to preseve Ruwatan tradition?

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3. Why do other people believe that it is unnecessary to preserve Ruwatan tradition?

4. What is the writer stance regarding the issue being discussed?

5. What is your own view regarding the issue? Do you agree or disagree? What is your reason?

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