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While cross-cultural marriages have become quite common in Japan, they still create a challenge for the intercultural couple. Most couples know each other well before they marry and are aware of each other's cultural differences. However, some couples get married without much preparation. In either case, most cross-cultural marriages go through the following three stages before the couple realizes whose culture will be the stronger force in the marriage. In the honeymoon phase, everything is new and exciting, and the differences the couple faces are seen as mysterious and romantic, which is often why they decided to get married in the first place.

However, as the novelty of the marriage begins to fade, each partner begins to fall back into old habits and manners. This often causes difficulties in the marriage because each partner shows both personal and cultural sides of themselves which may not have been apparent in the beginning. This is known as the reality phase. Finally, in the compromise phase, some couples try to solve their problems by fighting, while others try to ignore their problems. Unfortunately, this phase often leads to a lifetime of unhappiness or ultimately ends in divorce. But other couples find ways to cope with their problems.

In order for a cross-cultural marriage to succeed, the couple must learn to accept their cultural differences without giving up their cultural identity, recognize which issues are not important, and work together to solve problems that are important. Actually, the latter two methods are necessary for any marriage to succeed.

(1) Cross-cultural marriages are complicated because

1. couples must realize and accept their cultural differences.
2. everything is new and exciting to each partner.
3. of the many reasons couples are first attracted to each other.
4. one culture always ends up dominating the other culture.

(2) In the beginning, intercultural couples tend to

1. do things without much preparation.
2. find their differences a source of attraction.
3. force their culture on the weaker partner.
4. see every cultural difference as a threat to their happiness.

(3) After the newness of the cross-cultural marriage fades,

1. couples fight over unimportant issues while ignoring important problems.
2. couples form new habits and behaviors.
3. partners often show a different side of themselves.
4. the reality of their differences forces most couples to divorce.

(4) The theme of the above passage is

1. how to make cross-cultural marriages succeed
2. recognizing the differences between romantic love and true love.
3. many problems of intercultural marriages.
4. three phases of international marriages.

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