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General paper Logic quiz 26

Study the following information carefully and answer the questions that follow

Shikongolo is a wealthy businessman in Zambanda Kingdom. He has six children, 3 boys and 3 girls. Because of his advanced age, he has decided to allocate his property and businesses to be managed by his children, according to the cherished norms of kingdom. Below are businesses operated in order of their importance and value:

- A manufacturing industry,
- A five star hotel in the city centre,
- A car importing company
- A general merchandise shop on the main street
- A secondary school in outskirts of the city
- A ranch in the country side

Traditions in Zambanda dictates that children must have cherished traits if they are to inherit their father's property. Therefore, parents have to consider the cherished traits when they are bequeathing their property to their children and to their heirs. Below are the attributes possessed by Shikongolo's children in order of their strengths:

- Incorruptible
- Trustworthy
- Enterprising
- Hardworking
- Open minded
- Extravagant

Other conditions to inheritance obtaining in the Kingdom are such that:

- Girls can manage but do not inherit properties from their parents,
- The boys with the highly regarded traits become heir
- In case of death of the heir, the second best boy takes over

Shikongolo's children possess the following attributes:

- James: - Trustworthy, enterprising and incorruptible
- Emily: - Hardworking, open-minded and incorruptible
- John: - Hardworking, incorruptible but extravagant
- Enid: - Enterprising and hardworking
- Joseph: - Extravagant but trustworthy and open minded
- Elsie: - Incorruptible, enterprising and hardworking

Questions:

- (a) Assign each of the children property or business to manage basing on his/her qualities
- (b) (i) When Shikongolo finally dies, who will become heir?
(ii) In the event of the death of the heir, who will take over after him?
(iii) What are the likely consequences of this take over?
- (c) To what extent is the Kingdom's method of inheritance of property fair?
- (d) Suggest the steps that should be taken to address the problems of property inheritance in your community.

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(10 marks)

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Suggested answers

(a) Assign each of the children property or business to manage basing on his/her qualities

First we assign weight to the traits in order of their strength

Trait	weight
Incorruptible (I)	6
Trustworthy (T)	5
Enterprising (EN)	4
Hardworking (H)	3
Open minded (O)	2
Extravagant (EX)	1

We calculate the total point of child

Name of child	Points awarded						Total	Rank
	I	T	EN	H	O	EX		
James	6	5	4				15	1
Emily	6			3	2		11	3
John	6			3		1	10	4
Enid			4	3			7	6
Joseph		5			2	1	8	5
Elsie	6		4	3			13	2

The properties will be assigned as follows

- A manufacturing industry, - James
- A five star hotel in the city centre, - Elsie
- A car importing company - Emily
- A general merchandise shop on the main street - John
- A secondary school in outskirts of the city - Joseph
- A ranch in the country side - Enid

(b) (i) When Shikongolo finally dies, who will become heir?

James

(ii) In the event of the death of the heir, who will take over after him?

John

(iii) What are the likely consequences of this take over?

There will be property control struggles among the family members of James and that of John

(c) To what extent is the Kingdom's method of inheritance of property fair?

It is unfair because it marginalizes the girls although to some extent is fair because it is transparent and based on measurable qualities

- (d) Suggest the steps that should be taken to address the problems of property inheritance in your community.

Managing property inheritance can be complex, but here are some steps to help navigate the process:

1. **Open Communication:** Have an open and honest discussion with all beneficiaries about their expectations and desires regarding the inherited property.
2. **Legal Advice:** Consult with an estate attorney to understand the legal implications and ensure that the inheritance process complies with local laws.
3. **Fair Distribution:** Aim for a fair distribution of assets, considering the needs and contributions of each beneficiary.
4. **Create a Will:** Ensure that there is a clear and updated will that outlines the distribution of property to avoid future disputes.
5. **Mediation:** If conflicts arise, consider mediation to resolve disputes amicably without resorting to litigation.
6. **Financial Planning:** Seek financial advice to manage the inherited property effectively, including tax implications and investment options.
7. **Documentation:** Keep thorough records of all decisions, agreements, and transactions related to the inheritance.

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