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41. In fact, the Mosuo simply value blood relations over the often unreliable bonds of  
42. romantic love.

43. Their extended matriarchal families provide a more stable environment than  
44. nuclear families in other societies, where divorce can prove disastrous for  
45. children.

46. The men themselves are content with their role in Mosuo society.

47. After all, they are surrounded by a loving extended family that can be relied on  
48. to look after them in their old age.

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49. **6) What family ties to the Mosuo value more?**

50. *The Mosuo value blood relations over the often unreliable bonds of romantic*  
51. *love.*

52. **7) How do the extended matriarchal families provide a more stable environment?**

53. *They provide a more stable environment because there is no divorce.*

54. **8) Why are the men in the Mosuo society content with their roles?**

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56. *family that can be relied on to look after them in their old age.*

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58. **Mosuo raise their children?**

59. **1.** Men can play an important role in child raising even when that role does not  
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62. act as adequate role models by themselves.

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69. their lifetime.

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71. household.

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73. guided by the opinions of men.

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80. between husbands and wives.

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106. They are content with their role because they are surrounded by a loving extended family that can be relied on to look after them in their old age.

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## 日本語訳付

### 3[A] – The Mosuo eTOC Lesson9 P1 Chobun dokkai

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109. Psychologists in Western countries generally argue that fathers 心理学者 (しんりがくしゃ) 欧米 (おうべい) の 国々 (くにぐに) 一般的 (いっぱんてき) に議論 (ぎろん) する 父親 (ちちおや)
110. have an important role to play in raising their children. 重要 (じゅうよう) な 役割 (やくわり) 育 (そだ) てること
111. However, among the Mosuo people, who live in the Chinese Himalaya, biological fathers play no role in raising their children at all —and the children seem no worse for it. しかし ~の間 (あいだ) で モソ族 (ぞく) 人々 (ひとびと) 住 (す) む 中国 (ちゅうごく) の ヒマラヤ 生物学上 (せいぶつがくじょう) の 父親 (ちちおや) はたす ~ない 役割 (やくわり) 育 (そだ) てること 彼 (かれ) らの 子供達 (こどもたち) 全 (まった) く そして ~のようにみえる ~ない 悪 (わる) く
112. In fact, this female-dominated society has been free of marriage and nuclear families for over a thousand years. 実際 (じっさい) この 女性 (じょせい) - 優位 (ゆうい) の 社会 (しゃかい) ~がない 結婚 (けっこん) ~や 核家族 (かくかぞく) ~以上 (いじょう) 千年 (せんねん)
113. One women's rights group celebrates this unique culture and suggests the belief that fathers are a necessary part of a child's upbringing is the result of social brainwashing. 女性 (じょせい) の権利団体 (けんりだんたい) 誉 (ほ) めたてる 独特 (どくとく) な文化 (ぶんか) 信念 (しんねん) ~ということ 父親 (ちちおや) 必要 (ひつよう) な ~の一部 (いちぶ) しつけ ~の結果 (けっか) 社会 (しゃかい) の 洗脳 (せんろう)
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115. A closer look shows that, instead of living as part of a nuclear family, men live together with their mother and her extended family, and play a vital role looking after the children of their sisters. 近 (ちか) くの ~のかわりに ~として ~の一部 (いちぶ) 核家族 (かくかぞく) 暮 (く) らす 一緒 (いっしょ) に~と一緒 (いっしょ) に 彼 (かれ) らの 母親 (ははおや) 拡大家族 (かくだいかぞく) はたす 活気 (かっき) のある 役割 (やくわり) 世話 (せわ) をする 子供達 (こどもたち) 彼 (かれ) らの 姉妹 (しまい)

## Further Questions& Sample Answers

123. 1) What argument made by psychologists in western countries seems to be dispelled by the Mosuo? 何 (なに) が 議論 (ぎろん) された ~によって 心理学者 (しんりがくしゃ) ~で 欧米 (おうべい) の 国々 (くにぐに) ~のようにみえる 追 (お) い私 (はら) われた ~によって モソ族 (ぞく)
124. The argument that fathers have an important role to play in raising their children seems to be dispelled by the Mosuo. 議論 (ぎろん) 父親 (ちちおや) 大切 (たいせつ) な 役割 (やくわり) はたす 育 (そだ) てること 彼 (かれ) らの 子供 (こども) ~のようにみえる 追 (お) い私 (はら) われる~によって モソ族 (ぞく)
125. 欧米の国々の心理学者によってなされたどんな議論はモソ族によって払拭されようとしていますか。 おうべい くにぐに しんりがくしゃ ぎろん はモソ族 (ぞく) によって 払拭 (はら) されようとしていますか。

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127. their children seems to be dispelled by the Mosuo.

128. **2) Where does one women's rights group suggest that the belief fathers are necessary comes from?**
129. **fathers are necessary comes from?**
130. ある女性権利グループは、父親たちは必要であるという考えがどこからきているとほのめかしていますか。
131. *They suggest the belief that fathers are a necessary part of a child's upbringing*
132. *is the result of social brainwashing.*

133. **3) Who raises the children in the Mosuo society?**
134. モソ族社会でだれが子どもたちを育てますか。
135. *The uncles raise the children in the Mosuo society.*

136. **Mosuo society is matriarchal . Women do most of the labor , make important family decisions, and own all property , which is handed down to female offspring.**
137. **important family decisions, and own all property ,**
138. **which is handed down to female offspring.**
139. **When it comes to romance, women and men never marry , and romantic partners never live in the same household.**
140. **romantic partners never live in the same household.**
141. **Many outside observers ,misunderstanding this tradition, believe**
142. **Mosuo women have many romantic partners.**
143. **In fact , they normally have only one partner at any given time ,**
144. **and often have only one or two such relationships throughout their lives.**

**Further Questions& Sample Answers**

145. **4) Who owns the property in Musuo society?**
146. *誰がモソ族社会の中で財産を所有していますか。*
147. *The women own all the property in Musuo society.*
148. **5) Do Musuo women have many romantic partners?**
149. *モソ族の女性はたくさんの恋人を持っていますか。*
150. *No, in fact they normally have only one partner at a time and often have only one or two such relationships throughout their lives .*

151. **People also often assume that the "fatherless" Mouo culture does not prioritize family ties .**
152. **not prioritize family ties .**
153. **In fact, the Mosuo simply value blood relations over the often unreliable bonds of romantic love.**
154. **Their extended matriarchal families provide a more stable environment than nuclear families in other societies, where divorce can**
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証明 (しょうめい) する 悲惨 (ひさん) な ~にとって 子供達 (こどもたち)

156. prove disastrous for children .  
 彼 (かれ) ら自身 (じしん) ~に満 (み) ち足 (た) りる 彼 (かれ) らの役目 (やくめ)
157. The men + themselves are content with their role in Mosuo society.  
 結局 (けっきょく) 困 (かこ) まれている ~によって 拡大家族 (かくだいかぞく)
158. After all, they are surrounded by a loving extended family that can be  
 ~を頼 (たよ) る 世話 (せわ) をする
159. relied on to look after them in their old age.

Further Questions& Sample Answers



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160. 6) What family ties to the Musuo value more?

161. モソ族にとってどんな家族の絆はより価値がありますか。  
 血 (ち) のつながり

信頼 (しんらい) できない絆 (きずな)

162. The Musuo value blood relations over the often unreliable bonds of  
 163. romantic love.

164. 7) How do the extended matriarchal families provide a more stable  
 165. environment?

166. 広範囲に広がった女家長制の家族はどのようにより安定した環境を作っていますか。  
 与 (あた) える 安定 (あんてい) した 環境 (かんきょう)

離婚 (りこん)

167. They provide a more stable environment because there is no divorce.

168. 8) Why are the men in the Musuo society content with their roles?

モソ族社会の男性達はなぜ彼らの役割に満足しているのですか。  
 満足 (まんぞく) する 役割 (やくわり)

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170. (32) What does the author of the passage suggest is demonstrated  
 著者 (ちよしゃ) 提案 (ていあん) する 証明 (しょうめい) される  
 育 (そだ) てる  
 by the way the Mosuo raise their children?

171. 著者の文章はモソ族の子育ての仕方から何を提案しますか。

172. 1. Men can play an important role in child raising even when that role  
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177. 私達はモソ族の女性について何を学びますか。

178.1. Tradition prohibits them from having more than one romantic partner in their lifetime.

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