200510 Meeting with Asifa’s Mother And Grandmother

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| Name | Questions/Comments | Coding |
| I1 | It seems to be a marriage function in their house because many guests have gathered here. |  |
| W1 | Yes |  |
| I1 | How are you? You are looking well. |  |
| W1 | No I am not well. My eye side is weak/I can’t see properly. I have been fallen few days ago and my arm gets fractured because of this incident and I am a widow for many years. |  |
| I1 | Your ring is very beautiful from where did you get it? |  |
| W1 | I don’t know. |  |
| I1 | You can’t see clearly? / Is your eye side weak? |  |
| W1 | Yes, it’s been five years now, things seems be blurred now, I can’t see a person from distance and I can’t see properly in light. |  |
| I1 | What is your age? |  |
| W1 | I am an aged woman. All these are my daughters in law. |  |
| I1 | How many daughters in law you have? |  |
| W1 | That one is my elder daughter in law. May they live long. I have four daughters in law the fifth one died after delivery. She delivered baby at 12 am and on next day at 7pm she died. |  |
| I1 | What happened to her? |  |
| W1 | She was alright I don’t know what happened to her. |  |
| I1 | Did the child born at home? |  |
| W1 | Yes in her paternal home in Sohawa. |  |
| I1 | He born at Nighat’s house or she brought him to her house after delivery? |  |
| W1 | No, the delivery was absolutely normal, she was not having severe pains either, that was Allah’s will. |  |
| I1 | Was this her first child? |  |
| W1 | Yes |  |
| I1 | At what time the child born? |  |
| W1 | Exactly at 12 am. |  |
| I1 | At night? |  |
| W1 | Yes |  |
| I1 | After how many years of marriage she got pregnant? |  |
| W1 | After thirteen months. |  |
| I1 | Did she get pregnant from the very beginning? |  |
| W1 | Yes almost after two months. |  |
| I1 | Was the doctor consulted? / Did she consult the doctor or not? |  |
| W1 | Yes, she went for checkup. |  |
| I1 | Which doctor was consulted? |  |
| W1 | In Parhi, her paternal village. |  |
| I1 | Okay, she used to go there for checkup? |  |
| W1 | Yes, the delivery was absolutely normal. |  |
| I1 | When the labour pains started then how did you come to know about this? |  |
| W2 | Her blood pressure shooted up. |  |
| I1 | How did you know that her blood pressure shoots up? |  |
| W2 | Her sister told to nurse about this. Her mother and mother in law brought her to the hospital. |  |
| I1 | Okay you brought her to the hospital? |  |
| W1 | Yes |  |
| I1 | Was she taken to the hospital when she was having labour pains? |  |
| W1 | Yes, she was having less labour pains and she was alright after delivery. |  |
| I1 | How many hours did the child take in getting delivered? |  |
| W1 | She was not having intense labour pains but we brought her to the hospital at 10 am and we went in our own car. |  |
| I1 | Was the delivery normal? |  |
| W1 | Yes, it took only two hours, but she had a severe blood loss after delivery. We brought up her son with difficulty; it’s been four years now. He was a beloved child even then he used to say that his mother has left him. Whenever he saw her picture he used to say like this. |  |
| I1 | You also went with girl’s mother? What was her name? |  |
| W1 | Her real name was Rafia but we used to call her nick name that was Rabya. |  |
| I1 | Did your son accompany you as well? |  |
| W1 | Yes, my two sons went with me in our own car. Me, her mother, her brother and my sons we all went with her. |  |
| I1 | The child born at 12 am then when did she die? |  |
| W1 | The next day at 7 pm. |  |
| I1 | Did you know that what happened to her? |  |
| W1 | This was Allah’s will and this is called destiny. |  |
| I1 | Okay, Is this your own house Ama g? |  |
| W1 | Yes, we have constructed it recently, my elder son bought the land for one lac and he made this house. First two sons’ lives here and other three lives in Rawalpindi. |  |
| I1 | Okay |  |
| W1 | You people are guest here or you work for Poday? |  |
| I1 | We came from Islamabad. You know Samina the one works in Poday? |  |
| W1 | Yes she is my niece. |  |
| I1 | She is our friend and we are staying/living at Mr. Nazir’s house. |  |
| W1 | Samina is a good girl. Isn’t she? |  |
| I1 | Yes, she is our friend. We wanted to work somewhere; she said that we can work in her village so we come here. |  |
| W2 | Are you a doctor? |  |
| I1 | Yes, I am doctor. |  |
| W3 | I also want to be a doctor/ I am very keen to become a doctor. |  |
| I1 | Yes you may. |  |
| W3 | Yes I am studying biology as my main subject in matric. |  |
| I1 | In which class are you studying? |  |
| W3 | In 9th class. |  |
| I1 | Okay very good. Did you get good marks? |  |
| W1 | Asifa’s father had discontinued her studies. |  |
| I1 | Why? |  |
| W1 | Now education is more prevalent than before. |  |
| W2 | We did not have enough resources to get education. |  |
| W1 | She has studied till 5th class and also she has got religious education and that’s enough. |  |
| I1 | His father did not marry for second time? |  |
| W1 | No |  |
| I1 | What is the age of this child? |  |
| W2 | He is four years old now. |  |
| I1 | Is his father at home? |  |
| W2 | Yes |  |
| I1 | Can we talk to him? |  |
| W2 | Yes, surely you can. |  |
| I1 | Okay so you want to be a doctor? |  |
| W3 | Yes |  |
| I1 | You are in ninth now, so will you study further? From where you will do your Intermediate? Will you allow her to study further? |  |
| W3 | We will see our resources first if we will have enough resources then we will decide. |  |
| I1 | How much will it cost here to be a doctor? |  |
| W3 | 20,000 per month |  |
| I1 | Is there any nearby institute where you can go? |  |
| W2 | No we have to go Karyal for this. The one who is younger than her is studying in 7th class and the other one is in 6th. |  |
| I1 | You should study further. Parents become helpless in front of their children. |  |
| W1 | Are you married? |  |
| I1 | Yes, I have grown up children. My elder son is 20 years old and the younger one is 18 years old and little daughter is 6 years old. |  |
| W1 | Do you work in Poday? |  |
| I1 | No we are government employees; we are just living in samina’s house who works in Poday. |  |
| W1 | Now a days we can hardly find a job. My husband was a petty military officer (Hawaldar). |  |
| I1 | Do you get pension? |  |
| W1 | Yes 1200 per month. |  |
| I1 | How many years ago he died? |  |
| W1 | 30 years ago/ 30 years have been passed. He served the army for eighteen years and he did three marriages and I am his third wife. |  |
| W1 | So you are a working woman and your children are also studying? |  |
| I1 | Yes they are studying and my husband looks after them. |  |
| W1 | Your husband looks after them? |  |
| I1 | Yes what can I do then? |  |
| W1 | What is your husband? |  |
| I1 | He is doing job. He is an engineer. |  |
| W1 | Your husband also works? |  |
| I1 | Yes |  |
| W1 | Then who cooks the food? |  |
| I1 | I cook it also however cooks are also there. We will go back tomorrow, we often come and go. |  |
| I1 | This yard is very wide, who else lives here? Who bought this land? |  |
| W1 | This is our personal property. |  |
| I1 | Is this your husband’s part/share? |  |
| W1 | Yes |  |
| I1 | What happened to your daughter? |  |
| W1 | Her husband died and then she was remarried/ I arranged her second marriage. |  |
| I1 | Why did you marry your daughter to her first husband as his third wife? |  |
| W1 | That was her fate/destiny. |  |
| I2 | Even then there may be some reason. |  |
| W1 | Haji Nazir samina’s father insisted us for this proposal, the man was aged and he already had two wives. |  |
| I1 | What was the age of your daughter at that time? |  |
| W1 | She was young. |  |
| I1 | And her husband’s age? |  |
| W1 | As he was already married so you can guess his age. She has two children from her first husband. |  |
| I1 | Why didn’t you refuse? Were you agreed for this proposal? |  |
| W1 | No I was not agreed but it was a compulsion for me. |  |
| I1 | What was the compulsion? |  |
| W1 | My relatives insisted me. |  |
| I1 | Why did your husband divorce his first wife? |  |
| W1 | Because of interchange marriage. |  |
| I1 | Did you also arrange any marriage like this? |  |
| W2 | Yes between my paternal aunts and my mother and my maternal aunt. If we arrange marriages out of our family then all the relatives breaks the relationship with that person that’s why we do not marry any one out of our family. |  |
| I1 | We are here to know about the problems of women. |  |
| W2 | About family planning? |  |
| I2 | No not related to family planning. |  |
| W1 | You mean the problems of barren/unproductive women? |  |
| I1 | No we want to know the problems of pregnant women, what are their problems and sufferings which they used to face when they conceive the baby? |  |
| W1 | I don’t know. |  |
| I1 | Why, you are an experienced woman now? |  |
| W1 | All of my children were born at home and there was no problem neither any pain. This is the delicacy of today’s age as long as they did not go to hospital they cannot deliver the child. Now a days they used to eat many varieties of fruits and many different things in their pregnancy. In our times only Desi ghee and whey was used by women in pregnancy. |  |
| W1 | I used to work whole day till the time of delivery and my all deliveries were normal. Now a days ladies get them checked for nine months and spent Rs 7000 and then they become able to deliver the child. At our times these formalities were not fulfilled by women. Now girls have more problems than us. I did not have much problems, I had not consulted the doctors even. |  |
| I1 | My name is Dr.zofia and I have come to know the problems of women. |  |
| W4 | Where do you live in Rawalpindi? |  |
| I2 | In Defense. |  |
| W1 | What is your hometown? |  |
| I1 | Sialkot, but we shift in Islamabad long time ago/ we are living in Islamabad since long. |  |
| I1 | Okay, so what is the problem with your daughter? |  |
| W4 | When my daughter become/got pregnant her bleeding continued for nine months. |  |
| I1 | Was bleeding much or less? |  |
| W4 | It used to bleed so much that the fetus could not be sustained. |  |
| I1 | Had she an ultrasound scan? |  |
| W4 | No we took amulets for this. The one who gives us amulets said that she is not sick. Then we went to Peer sahib, he cured her and she felt okay/alright but after two months it began bleeding again/ bleeding started again. |  |
| I1 | How did you know that the child had not sustained in the womb? |  |
| W4 | Her tummy was not protuberant because of continuous bleeding. The baby/fetus was very weak and then it died in the womb and it used to bleed for 8 days even after its death. Then I went again to that Peer sahib and then to another one. He told us that she does not have any problem. Then I brought her to a nurse in Chakwal, she is an experienced nurse she said that my daughter has no bodily defect Inshaa Allah she will be alright. She gave her a pill of Rs 300 to insert/place and then by the grace of Allah after one hour of inserting the pill the baby was delivered, the child was very weak. People used to say that she must be under the effect of some evil spirit/ she must be under someone’s spell. I don’t know what actually happened to my daughter but these amulets saved her. My husband died 13 years ago and I cannot afford the expense of medicines so I go for these amulets for every disease. |  |
| I1 | What you think who did this all? |  |
| W4 | Allah knows better. May Allah will curse those who did all this. They have agonies us although my daughter was medically fine. |  |
| I1 | When did she marry? |  |
| W4 | Six years ago |  |
| I1 | Was this her first child? |  |
| W4 | Yes and at first time someone did all this with her. May Allah will punish them. That was Allah’s trial/test and we should bear it with patience. One should face the troubles/miseries which one had in his destiny. |  |

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