9.6 Duck's Phase Model of Relationship Breakdown: 10-minute Pack

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Total Marks

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Answer ALL questions.

1 Describe one cultural or individual difference that could alter the progression through Duck's phases, using the example of a collectivist community where social opinion is highly influential.

(Total for Question 1 is 4 marks)

2 Sequence the stages of Duck's model including Rollie and Duck's later addition, starting from the first stage experienced by one partner who begins to think the relationship is unsatisfying.

(Total for Question 2 is 2 marks)

3 Describe one key interactional change that occurs during the dyadic phase, using the example of Kwame and his partner arguing more and raising issues they previously avoided.

(Total for Question 3 is 2 marks)

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Question 1

identifies a difference, e.g. collectivist versus individualist cultural norms or strong family involvement oe	**M1**
describes how this might change progression, e.g. social phase may occur earlier or be more decisive because third-party opinions carry more weight oe	**A1**
explains the consequence, e.g. partners may delay leaving due to familial pressure or conversely be forced into a public breakup sooner oe	**A1**
may note individual differences such as attachment style or personality that affect speed or order of phases oe	**A1**

Answer: In collectivist communities the social phase may occur earlier and be more decisive because family and community opinion is highly influential; this can lead partners either to delay a breakup because of pressure to stay, or to have the relationship ended publicly sooner, showing cultural differences can alter the timing and impact of Duck's phases.

Question 2

gives the correct sequence for the first three stages: intra-psychic, dyadic, social oe	**B1**
gives the correct sequence for the last two stages: grave-dressing, resurrection oe	**B1**

Answer: Intra-psychic, dyadic, social, grave-dressing, resurrection.

Question 3

states that partners begin to discuss dissatisfaction openly and conflicts increase oe	**B1**
explains that negotiation, attempts to repair, blame or confrontation occur between partners oe	**B1**

Answer: Dyadic phase: Kwame and his partner begin to discuss grievances openly, leading to more arguments, negotiation or blame, and attempts to repair the relationship.

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