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Student 1: Low Excellence

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Why do Chris and Tūpoutahi believe a change to marae protocol is needed?

There are a lot of problems. There are not enough people to carry out traditional tikanga on the marae now. Members of the tribe are not coming back to their marae to help with the running of things and so this is the serious problem (te wā o te korekore) that needs a solution. If there are not enough people who have the knowledge of language and tikanga to carry out roles on the marae they can't follow proper tikanga. ①

Change is needed or tikanga will die, if tikanga dies the language will die as well. There will be no one to welcome manuhiri onto the marae.

What solution is suggested by Chris and what reasons are given to support his argument?

Traditional customs need to be changed to ensure tikanga is not lost.

He thinks people who are fluent speakers and have knowledge of tikanga should be allowed to do things that were traditionally done by elders and grown ups, eg. a son could whaikōrero beside his father or a daughter could karanga with her mother. He doesn't think people should worry about old rules. If young people have the skills to do these roles that is the main thing. ②

What is Tūpoutahi's response to his father's suggestion?

He disagrees with the idea of changing tikanga. He wants the rules to be kept as they are because the marae is the most sacred place in the Māori world. It is the sacred place of Tūmātauenga. ③

He doesn't think Māori should change tikanga just because of the problem of people who don't have language or tikanga knowledge to know what to do on the marae. ④

What is the solution suggested by Tūpoutahi?

He thinks people should be paid to speak on the marae. If you paid the younger generation they would return home. Tūpoutahi says if he was paid he would return home and be at the marae every day. He thinks that by paying people the marae would be supporting its people. ③

What is Chris's response to his son's suggestion?

He doesn't agree. He thinks if you make it about money you are breaking tikanga. This will make the marae about money not about aroha. ④

To what extent do you agree or disagree with what has been discussed? Use evidence or examples from the passage to support your response.

I think it is a hard problem with no easy answer. Either way we will have to make compromises. Both speakers have identified valid points with solutions that could work but I agree more with Chris than Tūpoutahi. ⑤