

Magazine Article

Gary is reading a magazine article about old Hong Kong.

Old Hong Kong

Hawkers

When I was young, I ate curry fish balls with my classmates on the streets every week. Hawkers used to be a common sight in Hong Kong forty years ago. They sold different kinds of local food, such as fish balls, dried fruit, stinky tofu, egg puffs and red bean puddings. People could also buy clothes and other daily necessities from them. However, as the government became more concerned about the hygiene and safety problems in the 1990s, the number of licensed hawkers has been greatly reduced. Nowadays, it is hard for us to see them on the streets.



Small Shops

Shopping in a small grocery used to be my favourite activity. It sold many types of stationery and toys. I usually counted my pocket money in front of the shop to see what I could buy. Thirty years ago, there were not many department stores or shopping malls in Hong Kong. People usually bought things from small shops and had a close relationship with the shopkeepers.

I miss the old days but at the same time, I adore the new Hong Kong. It is modern and charming. Let's find out the good sides of it!

Frankie Cheung, a famous children's book author who enjoys travelling and exploring different places.

A Choose the best answers by blackening the circles.

1. What could people buy from hawkers as mentioned in the passage?



A.



B.



C.



D.

2. Why are there fewer hawkers in Hong Kong nowadays?

- A. The food sold by hawkers is too expensive.
 B. There are few department stores.
 C. People do not like old snacks or local food any more.
 D. The government thinks the food sold by hawkers is not clean.

3. Which of the following about old Hong Kong is NOT true?

- A. There were many hawkers on the streets.
 B. Department stores and chain stores were popular.
 C. People bought things in small groceries more often.
 D. There was a good relationship between customers and shopkeepers.

Q4

We can usually find the writer's attitude in the conclusion of a passage.

4. The writer's attitude towards the new Hong Kong is _____.

- A. positive B. negative C. neutral D. uncertain

5. Frankie Cheung _____.

- A. dislikes curry fish balls B. writes storybooks for kids
 C. is the editor of a magazine D. did not have toys when he was young

Q6

Read the examples that Mum gives.

Mum: I need to buy some daily **6.** _____ this afternoon. There is no more shampoo or toilet paper at home.

Gary: Hurray! Shall we go to the new **7.** _____ store nearby? I want to buy a card game there too!

B Fill in each blank with a word from the text.