



Tom is reading a news article about littering in the country park.

Loads of Rubbish Dumped after Mid-Autumn Night

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Mid-Autumn Festival is joyful. However, many picnickers littered in Sai Kung Country Park last night and made the scenic spot dirty. Photos taken the next morning show that loads of rubbish were left behind after the Mid-Autumn night.

Plastic bags and food containers were all over Pak Tam Road near the park, **despite** many empty rubbish bins just ten metres away. 'Is it that hard to put the rubbish into the bins? You can see a lot of clean-up work is awaiting me today!' Mrs Wong, a street cleaner, complained.

Mr Alan Chan, a senior government officer, pointed out that littering in public was an offence, and offenders would have to pay a fine. But he admitted that it was difficult to catch people littering in remote areas.

Miss Crystal Fong, the Chairperson of a local green organisation, stated that the littering problem affected everyone. 'It will be better if people are more responsible. However, some people in Hong Kong think differently about **the issue**. They just think that someone else will clean up the mess,' she added.



There was rubbish everywhere in Sai Kung Country Park.
(Photo taken by Tony Chau)

Some picnickers posted photos of the messy park on Facepage. Many critiqued that more public education was needed to emphasise the importance of protecting the environment.

A Choose the best answers by blackening the circles.

1. Read paragraph 2. The word 'despite' can be replaced by '_____'.
 A. although B. because of
 C. even if they are D. although there are
2. 'These people are so selfish! I won't finish my work until late night!' said _____.
 A. Simon Lam B. Mrs Wong
 C. Tony Chau D. Crystal Fong

3. In paragraph 4, what does 'the issue' refer to?

- A. The natural environment
 B. People's negative attitude
 C. The littering problem in Hong Kong
 D. The plastic bags and food containers

Q3

To make a reference, read a few lines before the key words.



4. Many people think there is _____ environmental education among the public in Hong Kong.
 A. enough B. a lot of
 C. too much D. not enough
5. According to the news article, which of the following is TRUE?
 A. Sai Kung Country Park was quiet last night.
 B. It is difficult to fine the people who litter in a country park.
 C. Only a few rubbish bins were found in Sai Kung Country Park.
 D. Some responsible people think that the street cleaners will help them clean up the rubbish after they litter.

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

Dear Editor,

I am so angry with the selfish picnickers! Our parents and teachers always

6. _____ that we should protect our environment because it is part of our home. I believe that everyone is **7.** _____ for taking good care of it!

Best regards,
Tom Wong

Q7

Which adjective usually goes with 'for'?

