



Unit 7 Book review



Making use of personal experiences and knowledge



Jessica is writing a book review of a non-fiction book. Read the book review.

Old Hong Kong is written by Karen Smith. She is a British, but she was brought up in Hong Kong until she went back to England to **get married**. She has a great interest in collecting old photos and studying people's lives in old Hong Kong. This book also includes old photos of different aspects of life in Hong Kong with captions written by Karen.

In the old days, motor cars were not common. People usually walked to work. Richer people could choose to travel by rickshaws. Later, trams and buses became popular due to **convenience**. Buses in the past were single-deckers, with no air-conditioning.

Street food was popular back then. There were **hawkers** selling street food like fish balls, shumai and stinky tofu. There were also dai pai dongs, which were open-air food stalls in the street. They provided cheaper dishes than restaurants.



Mobile phones and computers were rare in the past due to their high prices. Most people communicated with others using landline phones or pagers. If they wanted to connect with family and friends abroad, they wrote letters as it was a lot cheaper than making long-distance calls.

After reading this book, I have learnt many interesting facts about Hong Kong in the past, including some **customs** and traditions. People lived simpler lives in the old days, but they were joyful and satisfied.



A **hawker (n.)** is a person who carries and sells cheap goods in public areas.



10 mins



Learn to explain why you like a book.

DATE

Choose the best answers by blackening the circles.

1. The author of the book _____.
- A. was born in Hong Kong B. likes studying old Hong Kong
- C. took the photos by herself D. lives in Hong Kong



2. According to the book, which of the following is TRUE about the past?
- A. Most people rode rickshaws to work.
- B. Buses were similar to the ones in the present.
- C. Eating in restaurants was more expensive than eating at a dai pai dong.
- D. Street hawkers were rare.

3. Which of the following is NOT a common way to communicate in the past?



A.



B.



C.



D.

Complete the answers.

4. Why did people like to travel by tram and bus?

People liked to travel by tram and bus _____.

5. What can Jessica learn from the book?

From the book, she can learn _____.

Match the main idea to each paragraph. Write the correct letters in the boxes.

Main idea	Paragraph
6.	2
7.	3
8.	4

- A. Food
- B. Transportation
- C. Communication

Tip

Q6-8: Try to summarise the points in each paragraph.