

Jessica is reading a story about life in the past. Read the story.

A Glimpse of the Past

Elaine was lazybones. She did not pay attention at school. After school, she only watched TV or played video games. A housemaid did everything for her.

One day, Elaine visited the History Museum. She saw an exhibition about Hong Kong in the past. She saw a button and pressed it. With a zap, she went back to the past. 5

Elaine soon found herself in a **shabby** room. Dad was just a little boy. There was no toilet or kitchen. Grandma was cooking outside their home. Elaine had to help with the housework. What shocked her most was that she had to go downstairs to queue for water. 10

After a busy morning, Elaine had fun in an open space with Dad and his friends. The children played hopscotch, mini beanbag toss and shuttlecock kicking. It was the first time for Elaine to play **them**. The games were simple but exciting. Elaine had a wonderful time.

When the sun set, Grandma lit an oil lamp. She asked Elaine to help her write a letter to a relative in Mainland China. Elaine had **flushed** cheeks because there were many words which she did not know how to write. 15

At night, Elaine could not sleep well. She thought about the busy yet joyful day with her family and friends. Suddenly, there was a flash and it brought her back to the present day. 20

Elaine learnt that she should cherish the opportunity to go to school and learn. She should be **responsible** for herself and take care of others as well.



10 mins

DATE

Choose the best answers by blackening the circles.

1. Which of the following is NOT true about Elaine in her real life?

- A. She had a domestic helper.
- B. She did her homework after school.
- C. She chatted with her classmates in class.
- D. She did not help with the housework.

Tip

Q1: What kind of person was Elaine?

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2. In line 13, the word 'them' refers to _____.

- A. Dad's friends
- B. shuttlecock kicking
- C. the games
- D. mini beanbags toss



3. How did Elaine feel when Grandma asked her to write a letter?



A.



B.



C.



D.

Answer the questions in complete sentences.

4. Why did Elaine feel shocked?

5. State ONE thing that Elaine learnt from her visit to the past.

Fill in each blank with ONE word from the story. Change the word form when necessary.

I learn a lot from the story. Unlike nowadays, many people in the past lived in

6. _____ houses. They 7. _____ oil lamps at night when they wanted to read. We should really 8. _____ what we have now!