



A wonderful place



Let's Think

1. What do you think of Hong Kong?
2. Do you know why Hong Kong is known as the Pearl of the Orient?

You are Perry. You are reading a poem about Hong Kong.

A Wonderful Place

Millions of people live in this tiny city.
They walk like lightning since they are often busy.
Hong Kong is the name of this tiny city.
Have you never eaten in this city? What a pity!

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Let's try some delicious food:
Egg tarts, fish balls, wonton noodles and dim sum.
They all put me in a delighted mood.
Eating nonstop, I can't stop saying 'Yum-yum'!

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Shopping malls are everywhere.
They are big, cool and bright.
Things are cheap and pretty there,
I can always buy something right.

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There are two theme parks from which to choose.
They feature marine animals and cartoon characters.
Before every exciting ride, there is always a queue.
Still, who cares when the excitement is worth the waiting?

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Under the starry night sky, skyscrapers shine gently like candles,
Casting a soft glow to the edge of Victoria Harbour.
'What a breathtaking sight!'
I think to myself as I look at all those candles on a ferry ride.

(159 words)

Part A

Answer the following questions using the information from the poem. Choose the **BEST** answer and blacken **ONE** circle only.

- Another title for this poem could be _____.
 - A. *The Night View of Hong Kong*
 - B. *Eating, Shopping & Sightseeing in Hong Kong*
 - C. *Tasty Food to Try in Hong Kong*
 - D. *The Global City: Hong Kong*
- Which of the following can replace the word 'delighted' in line 7?
 - A. tasty
 - B. hungry
 - C. happy
 - D. bad
- Which of the following pairs of words from the poem rhyme?
 - A. city and pity
 - B. food and mood
 - C. bright and right
 - D. all of the above
- Which of the following is **NOT** mentioned in the poem?
 - A. Hong Kong local food
 - B. Hong Kong's night view
 - C. tourist attractions in Hong Kong
 - D. popular souvenirs that tourists can buy
- The tone of this poem is _____.
 - A. positive
 - B. negative
 - C. neutral
 - D. humorous

Grammar Corner

Similes are a figure of speech. We can use **similes** to show the similarities between two things by making a direct comparison between them. **Similes** always involve the use of words 'as' or 'like'.

e.g. *Under the starry night sky, skyscrapers shine gently like candles.* (Line 17)

Part B

Answer the following questions using the information from the poem. Write your answers in the spaces provided.

1. According to the poem, do you think Hong Kong is overpopulated? Explain your answer.

2. Find an idiom in the first two stanzas that means ‘extremely quickly’.



3. Find words in the poem that mean the following. Fill in each blank with only one word.

include something as an important part	(a)	(v.)
a line of people	(b)	(n.)
extremely beautiful	(c)	(adj.)

4. What does ‘all those candles’ in line 20 refer to?



5. Read the following comments from several visitors to Hong Kong. Match each of them with the corresponding stanza.

Comments	Stanza
(a) ‘It’s really true that the night view of Hong Kong is amazing! It’s simply unforgettable!’	
(b) ‘Hong Kong is not only a shopping paradise, but also a food paradise! I bet you already know the city’s well-known street foods, right?’	
(c) ‘You can visit the outlets and do some shopping here. Some boutiques here sell inexpensive designer clothes!’	
(d) ‘Hong Kong is a bustling city. The flats tend to be small. Luckily, the transport system is well developed and convenient.’	

Vocabulary Bank

The following are some famous skyscrapers in Hong Kong. Match them with the correct pictures by writing the correct letters in the boxes. One of the words is not used.

- A. Bank of China Tower
- B. International Financial Centre
- C. Hopewell Centre
- D. Jardine House
- E. Lippo Centre
- F. The Centre
- G. Central Plaza
- H. Exchange Square
- I. International Commerce Centre



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Let's Discuss

1. In your opinion, what is most special about Hong Kong?
2. What do you think about Hong Kong's transport system?