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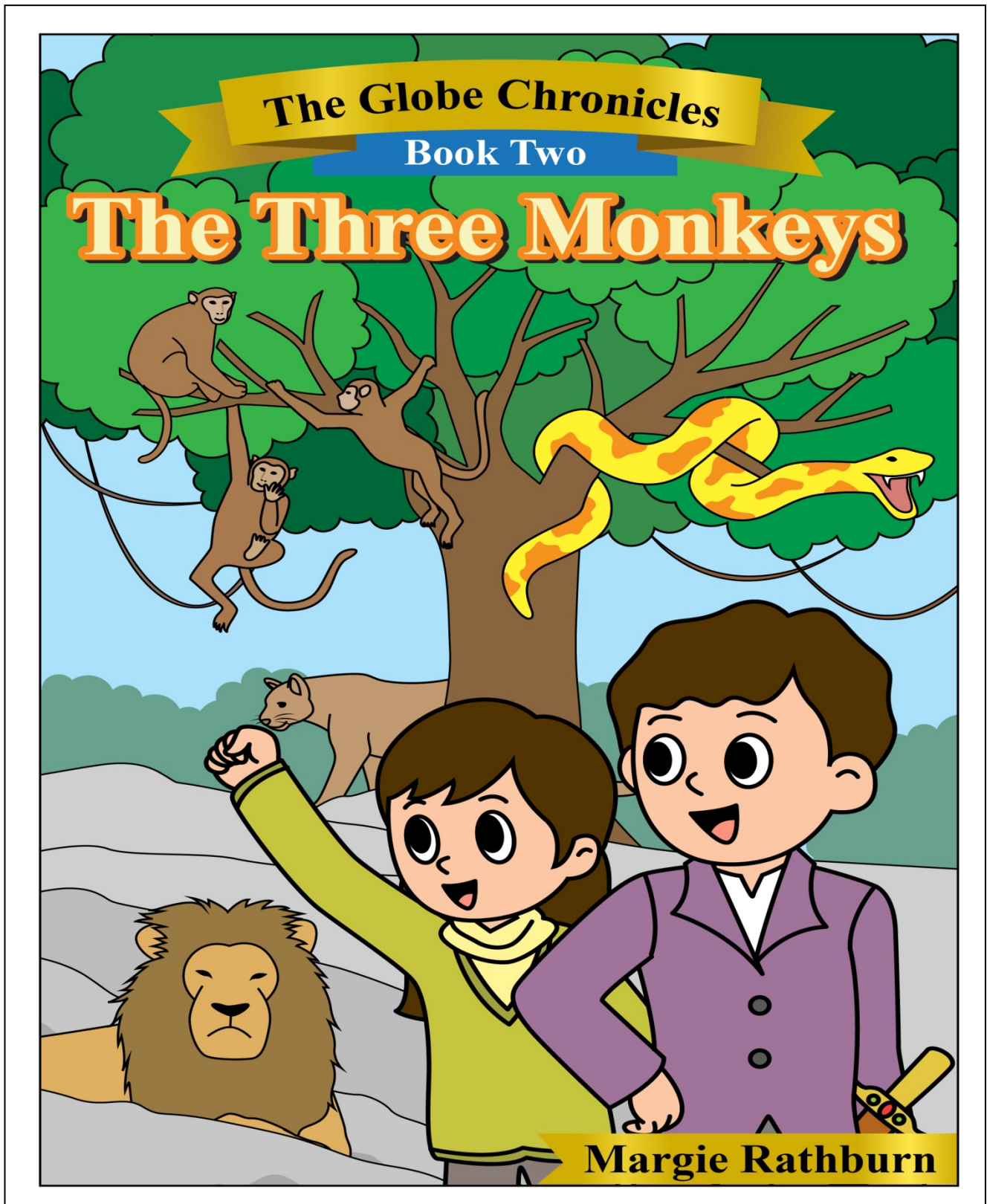
1. There are 16 pages in this Question Booklet.
2. Time allowed is 35 minutes.
3. Do not write anything in this Question Booklet.
4. **Answer all questions in the Answer Booklet provided.**

Part 1

Your class has to prepare book reviews for the school magazine. Your English teacher has prepared a book cover, blurb and review for you to read.

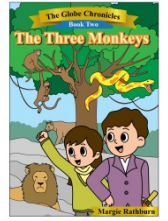
Read the book cover, blurb and review and answer the questions.

BOOK COVER



BOOK BLURB

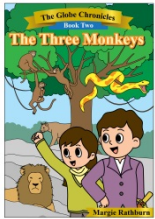
The Three Monkeys is a combination of jungle adventure and detective work. Margie Rathburn has taken completely opposite worlds and woven them together seamlessly.



Orphaned seventeen-year-old twins Simon and Maddie Wadsworth inherit *The Three Monkeys*, an estate in India, from an uncle they didn't know they had. Travelling to India, Simon and Maddie discover his diary. Reading it they find out some things that make them think that their uncle's death wasn't an accident. They decide to try to find out exactly what happened.

The search begins for the first clue mentioned in the diary. Simon and Maddie must work out the clues and soon, if they want to keep their inheritance and stay alive. There are people who would stop at nothing to get rid of the two siblings to get the estate and the riches hidden somewhere. Maddie and Simon don't know who to trust. With enemies everywhere the Wadsworth siblings are in for a wild ride.

REVIEW



The Three Monkeys is an exciting tale of adventure. Simon and Maddie aren't typical teenagers. They have just discovered a dead uncle they didn't know they had **AND** they have to travel to India to get their inheritance, an old estate with a huge palace. When they get to India they find a strange diary. What they read sends them on a journey through India, in search of clues to solve their uncle's death.

I really liked the character of Maddie. She is extremely likeable, friendly, smart and she loves her brother Simon. Simon, on the other hand, is annoying. He's a guy, so of course he is annoying! He thinks he knows everything.

Simon doesn't listen to Maddie and ignores everything she says, until it is too late. The scene at the old temple in the jungle is a great example of Simon getting them into trouble and Maddie getting them out of it. Simon doesn't read the diary pages carefully and misses important information. Maddie yells at him to wait before going into the old temple. He doesn't, she follows and they get trapped in a room that fills up quickly with sand. Maddie works out the puzzle that stops the sand. A secret door opens and they escape the deadly sand room!

They have many more adventures and meet lots of interesting secondary characters who are just as likeable. The villains are evil and horrible and it is a shock to eventually find out who is after Simon and Maddie. I was so upset I screamed. I am glad to know that there is a Book Three coming next year in which Simon and Maddie go on new adventures.

Choose the best answer and blacken the circle in the Answer Booklet.

Book Cover

1. The title of the book is _____.
- A. The Three Monkeys
 - B. The Globe Chronicles
 - C. Book Two
 - D. Margie Rathburn

Book Blurb

2. The story is about _____.
- A. the twins finding out what happened to their uncle
 - B. Margie Rathburn travelling to India
 - C. The Three Monkeys estate in India
 - D. a wild ride
3. Maddie and Simon inherit an estate. Look at the word 'estate'. Which meaning corresponds to the word in the section?

1. (n) a car with a large carrying area and rear door access

The estate was used to carry the materials for the farm.

2. (n) a property where coffee, rubber, grapes or other crops are grown

The estate produced first class grapes that were made into wine.

3. (n) an area of land and modern buildings developed for residential, commercial or industrial purposes

Lucy and Tony work on the estate in that factory.

4. (n) all the money and property owned by a person, especially at death

In John's will, he divided his estate between his wife and daughter.

- A. 1
- B. 2
- C. 3
- D. 4

4. Simon and Maddie _____.
- A. are teenagers
 - B. have no parents
 - C. are the same age
 - D. all of the above

5. The word in the third paragraph that describes information that is used to detect a crime is _____.
- A. diary
 - B. clue
 - C. inheritance
 - D. siblings
6. The enemies want to get rid of Maddie and Simon so that they can _____.
- A. go on a wild ride
 - B. get the money, house and land
 - C. stop Maddie and Simon from reading the diary
 - D. solve the clues first

Review

7. The reviewer likes Maddie but says that Simon is annoying because he's a guy. From this we can guess that the reviewer is _____.
- A. a girl
 - B. a boy
 - C. a secondary character
 - D. a villain
8. Maddie and Simon get trapped in the room that fills with sand. What saves them is _____.
- A. reading the diary carefully
 - B. missing important information
 - C. the secret door
 - D. solving the puzzle
9. In a story, characters other than the main characters are called _____.
- A. secondary characters
 - B. typical teenagers
 - C. horrible characters
 - D. interesting characters
10. Another title for the book could be _____.
- A. Typical Teenagers
 - B. The Orphans And The Estate
 - C. The Wadsworth Siblings Write A Diary
 - D. Sand Puzzles In India

11. *The Three Monkeys* is Book Two in the series, with a third on the way. If there are only three books, the series is called a _____.
- A. quartet
 - B. duology
 - C. trilogy
 - D. triathlon
12. The book is a/an _____ story.
- A. adventure
 - B. horror
 - C. fantasy
 - D. romance

Part 2

You are going to visit the Hong Kong Observatory and do a report on the stars and planets. Your English teacher has given you a poem to help you get started.

Read the poem and answer the questions.

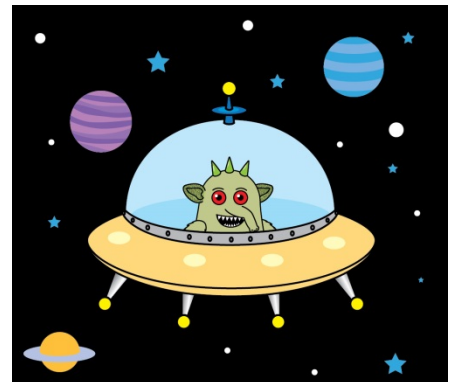
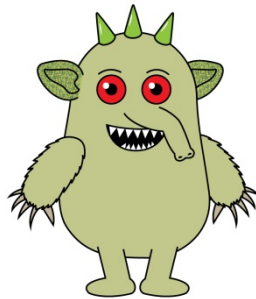
Frank the Friendly Alien

I'm Frank, the friendly alien.

From deepest outer space.

My face is fairly friendly.

It's such a friendly face.



My teeth are sharp and pointed.

My eyes are big and red.

I have such friendly features

upon my friendly head.

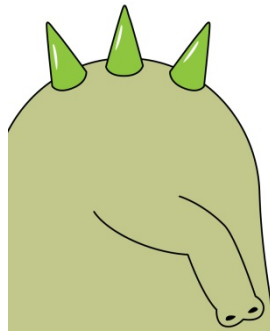


My horns are green and shiny.

I have exactly three.

My nose is long and crooked,

the way a nose should be.

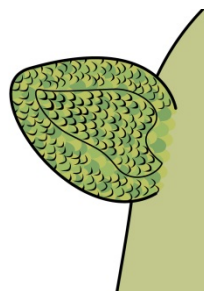


My ears are huge and scaly.

My tongue is brown and blue.

The people from my planet

all look friendly like I do.

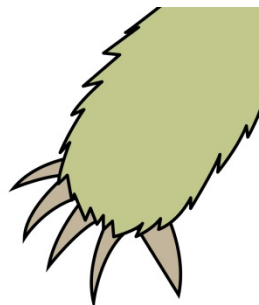


My claws are shaped like daggers.

My hands are huge and hairy.

I'd love to stay and tell you more

but you look much too scary.



Choose the best answer and blacken the circle in the Answer Booklet.

Stanza One

1. In the first stanza, 'space' rhymes with _____.
- A. alien
 - B. friendly
 - C. face
 - D. deepest

Stanza Two

2. Frank describes his face as friendly. The words that **do not** give the impression of being friendly/friendliness are _____.
- | | |
|----------|-------------|
| 1. sharp | 2. features |
| 3. head | 4. red |
- A. 1 and 2
 - B. 2 and 3
 - C. 3 and 4
 - D. 1 and 4
3. In stanza two, the rhyming pair is _____.
- A. sharp and pointed
 - B. big and red
 - C. pointed and features
 - D. red and head

Stanza Three

4. In stanza three, the rhyming pair is _____.
- A. shiny and crooked
 - B. three and be
 - C. three and crooked
 - D. green and three
5. Frank has _____ horns.
- A. long
 - B. crooked
 - C. three
 - D. none of the above

Stanzas Three and Four

6. If the aliens from Frank's planet all 'look friendly like I do', they will all have _____.
- A. crooked noses
 - B. horns
 - C. huge ears
 - D. all of the above

Stanza Four

7. In stanza four, the ears are described as 'scaly'. Another animal that is scaly is a _____.
- A. cat
 - B. bird
 - C. snake
 - D. dog
8. The poem is called 'Frank the Friendly Alien'. It could also be called _____.
- A. I'm Scared Of Aliens
 - B. Monsters From Outer Space
 - C. Who's Scariest, Me Or You?
 - D. all of the above

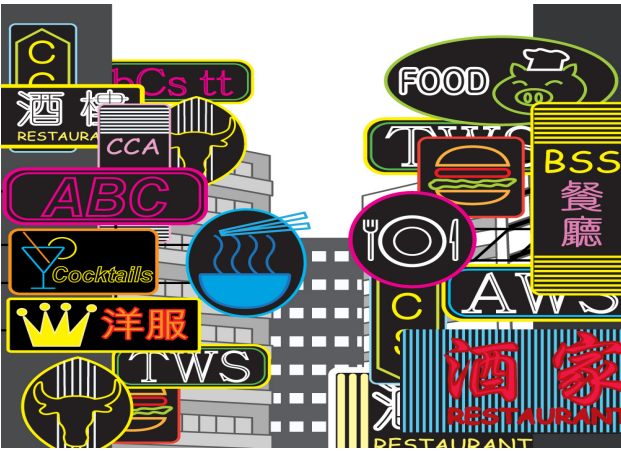
Part 3

You are preparing to do a project on light pollution. Your Geography teacher has given you a page from a blog as well as a page from a report to help you.

Read the two pages and answer the questions.

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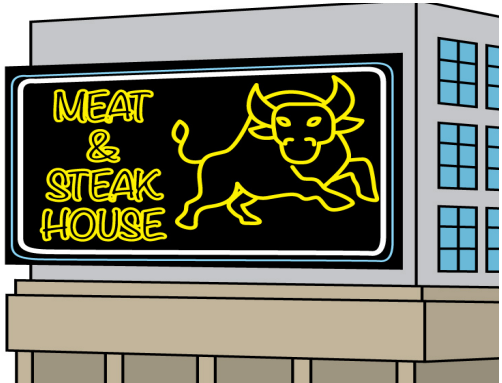
HONG KONG NEON



No image of Hong Kong is complete without streets lit up by neon signs. Locals may take the signs for granted but tourists are stunned by the many neon lights. They can see them along streets, on rooftops and sometimes covering whole buildings.


Neon signs were works of art that were handcrafted by 'sifus', or masters. They took glass pipes and burned and welded the shapes. The pipes were injected with a gas, usually neon, which became colourful when it was electrified. Sadly, signs today are made with LED lights.

Neon signs in Hong Kong were first recognised by the government in 1923. They became popular in the 1950's and exploded until the 1980's, especially in busy areas like Nathan Road and Wanchai. Over time they became part of Hong Kong's culture. However, since the 1990's, thousands of neon signs have been removed for safety reasons. One of the many signs removed was the Meat & Steakhouse neon bull that used to be an icon of the Western District. Many were saddened by its removal.



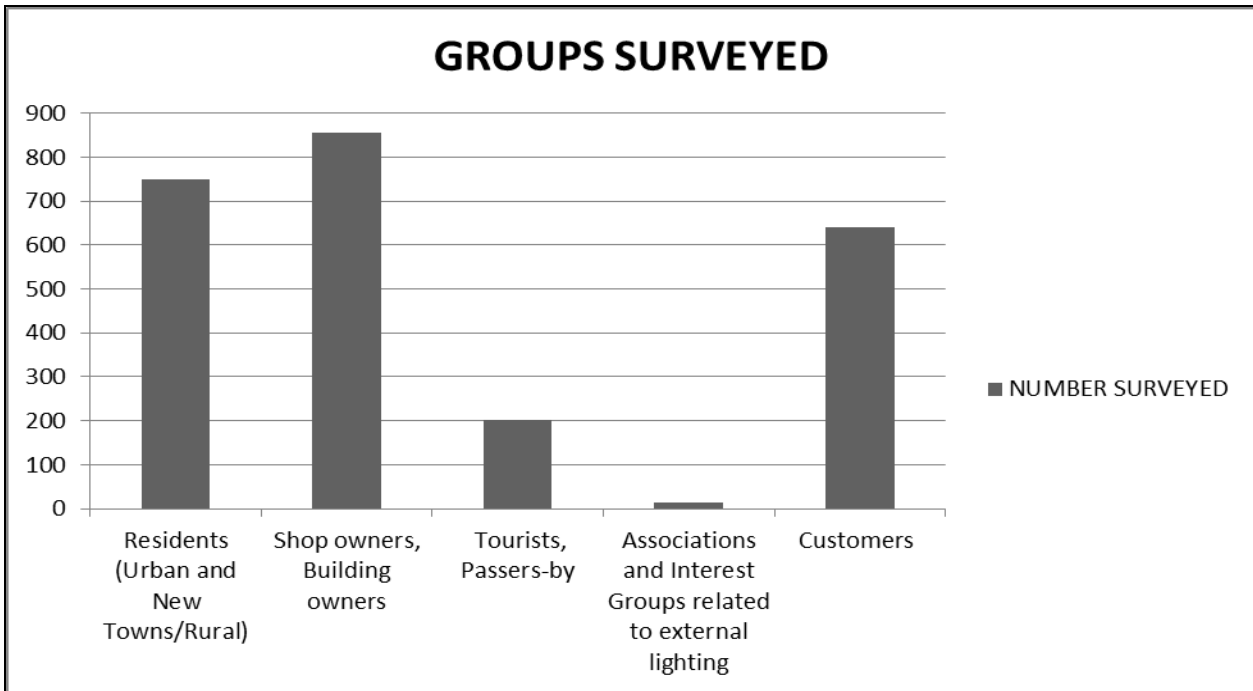
Growing environmental concerns in recent years have dealt another blow to the neon lights in the city. Hong Kong is one of the world's worst light polluters. Light levels in the city are a thousand times higher than normal at night. In response, the government launched a voluntary scheme asking businesses to switch off lights between 11 pm and 7 am. The aims are to stop the lights from affecting residents' sleep, to save energy and promote low-carbon living. Thousands of shopping malls, hotels, banks and other organisations have promised to switch off all external lights, apart from those needed for security purposes.

On the other hand, some people are working to save these neon signs. Aden Miles, a museum curator, thinks that the neon signs should remain in Hong Kong's busy streets but he also knows that this is not possible. To save the signs, he has started to collect images of neon signs online to preserve Hong Kong's visual culture.

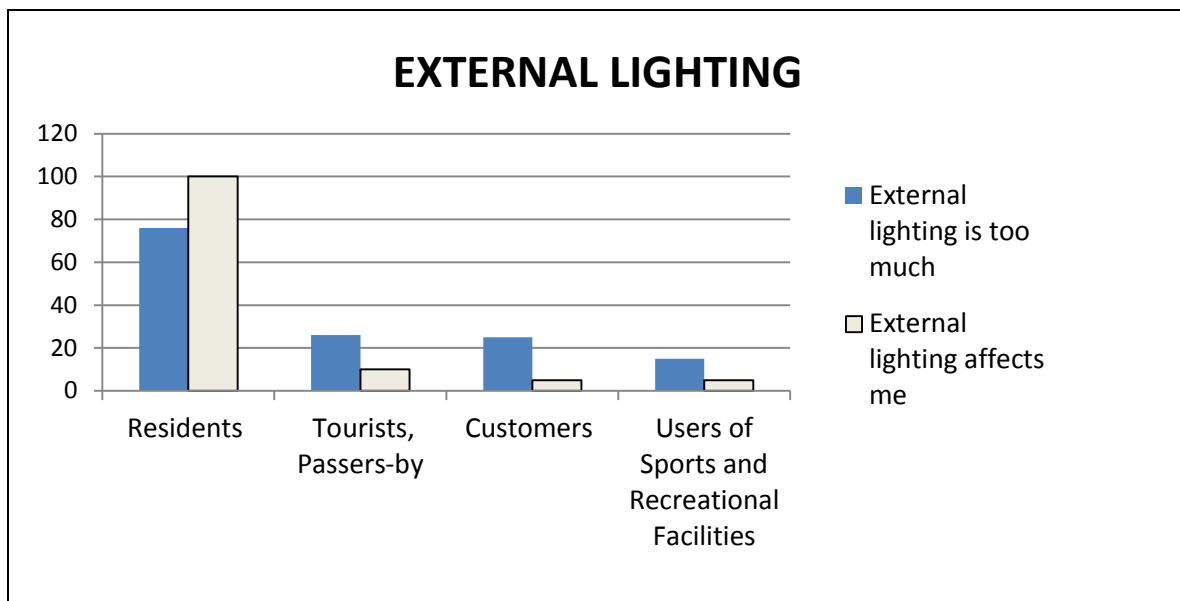


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Many surveys have been conducted in recent years to gather opinions from various stakeholders about the effects of energy wastage and external lighting. In one survey, five main groups were surveyed.



The responses of those surveyed about external lighting being too much, even excessive, and whether it affects them can be seen in the table below.



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Choose the best answer and blacken the circle in the Answer Booklet.

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1. Hong Kong people and foreigners have _____ about neon lights in Hong Kong.
 - A. very different views
 - B. the same views
 - C. no views
 - D. none of the above

2. Neon signs were made _____.
 1. by ‘sifus’
 2. with glass pipes
 3. with LED lights
 4. with neon gas
 - A. 1, 2 and 3
 - B. 2, 3 and 4
 - C. 1, 3 and 4
 - D. 1, 2 and 4

3. Neon signs are considered to be works of art because _____.
 - A. they were electrified
 - B. pipes were burned and welded into shape
 - C. they were made by skilled masters
 - D. LED lights are not handcrafted

4. Which word in the third paragraph could be replaced with the phrase ‘increased suddenly in size or number’?
 - A. popular
 - B. stunned
 - C. removed
 - D. exploded

5. Many neon signs have been removed because they _____.
 - A. exploded
 - B. were too popular
 - C. became part of Hong Kong’s culture
 - D. were dangerous

6. The Meat & Steakhouse neon bull was removed in the _____.
- A. 1920's
 - B. 1950's
 - C. 1980's
 - D. 1990's
7. Neon lights _____.
- 1. cause light pollution
 - 2. save energy
 - 3. can affect residents' sleep
 - 4. promote low-carbon living
- A. 1 and 2
 - B. 1 and 3
 - C. 2 and 3
 - D. 3 and 4
8. Light pollution in Hong Kong is _____.
- A. a huge problem
 - B. higher between 7 am and 11 am
 - C. caused by external lights only
 - D. not a big problem
9. The government scheme is 'voluntary', which means it is _____.
- A. done without force or obligation
 - B. for all shopping malls and hotels
 - C. just for hotels and banks
 - D. aimed at residents
10. The main aim of the scheme is to _____.
- A. get more businesses and organisations involved
 - B. lower the level of light pollution in Hong Kong
 - C. switch on lights needed for security
 - D. promote shopping malls, hotels and banks
11. Aden Miles is _____.
- A. saving physical neon signs
 - B. collecting the signs from Hong Kong streets
 - C. saving the signs by storing their images online
 - D. saving museums in Hong Kong

Light Pollution in Hong Kong Report cont...

12. Look at the word 'stakeholders'. Which meaning corresponds to the word in the section?
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| 1. (n) the holder of the stakes of a wager
<i>He was their stakeholder and held their money until the winner was decided.</i> | 2. (n) a person holding money or property to which others make a claim
<i>She was only the stakeholder but the two men claimed the building belonged to them.</i> |
| 3. (n) a person or group that has an interest in something
<i>Every stakeholder had an interest in making sure that energy wasn't wasted.</i> | 4. (n) the holder of the stakes that go in the ground
<i>His job as stakeholder was to hold the stakes as they were pushed into the ground.</i> |
- A. 1
B. 2
C. 3
D. 4
13. According to the chart 'Groups Surveyed', the group with the smallest number of responses is _____.
- A. residents – urban and new town/rural
B. shop owners, building owners
C. tourists, passers-by
D. associations and interest groups
14. The largest group surveyed in the chart 'Groups Surveyed' was the *Shop owners, Building owners* group. This group is the largest because _____.
- A. they use the most external lighting and are also one of the main causes of light pollution
B. they are affected most by external lighting and light pollution
C. their buildings are affected by the external lighting from residential buildings
D. they all wanted to participate in the survey
15. Look at the chart about 'External Lighting'. Two groups affected by external lighting, with similar numbers are _____.
- A. tourists, passers-by and customers
B. residents and tourists, passers-by
C. tourists, passers-by and users of sports and recreational facilities
D. customers and users of sports and recreational facilities

16. The main idea from the blog and report could be that _____.
- A. light pollution in Hong Kong is an issue that must be solved
 - B. people are being affected by light pollution
 - C. light pollution is a waste of energy
 - D. all of the above

END OF PAPER

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