

2014 DSE English

paper 3 Task 8 答案

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Hong Kong Tourism: The Way It Was(1)

Nowadays we take it for granted(2) that we can book holidays at the click of a button, or be half way around the world in less than a day. But it wasn't always like this.(3)

A century ago, tourists had to travel to Hong Kong by ship or train or both, and the journey across the oceans could take up to six weeks. Once tourists did arrive, the accommodation they found was quite different from today(4): in the 1920s, the famous Dragon Hotel still had stables for horses. These(5) were used for transport, along with popular rickshaws.

Of course, such travel tended to be the preserve (6) of the rich. Wealthy(7) tourists travelled with servants who were charged with carrying vast amounts(8) of luggage for their masters. Needless to say, opportunities to travel abroad did not come cheap. Rooms at the Dragon were twice as expensive in real terms in the 1920s than they are today.

Another thing that was different was entertainment.(9) In the past, after-dinner dances and tiger hunts were popular ways of passing time in the evening.

So what do you think: have things changed for the better or the worse since then? (10)

(1) Give your article a title.

(2) 'take something for granted' = to expect something always to be there and not to think about life without it. Before I became blind, I always took my sight for granted. Now I realise just how precious sight is.

(3) Vary sentence structure. Use some short sentences.

(4) Remember the article is supposed to compare present and past conditions. Don't forget to refer to the present briefly.

(5) Use 'these' or 'those' to link sentences together and to avoid overreliance on relative pronouns.

(6) 'be the preserve of' = to be restricted to. University should not be the preserve of the rich. It should be open to everyone.

(7) Use synonyms instead of repeating 'rich'.

(8) 'vast amounts' = lots of

(9) Don't rely on paragraph-beginning connectors such as 'moreover', 'furthermore' and 'on the other hand'. You can connect paragraphs together by using a full sentence, as here.

(10) End with a rhetorical question to engage your reader's interest.