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YEAR 6 TSA ENGLISH PRACTICE · FREE SAMPLE

Reading

Daniel is reading an article about an old airport. Read the article and answer Questions 1 to 7.

How to answer

1. Use an HB pencil. Blacken the circle next to the correct answer. Fill the whole circle, and blacken only ONE circle for each question.
2. To change an answer, rub out the old mark completely.

Example: Which one is a fruit? ○ A. a chair ● B. an apple ○ C. a book ○ D. a shoe

Right: ● **Wrong:** ⊘ ⊗ ◐ ◉

When Planes Flew Over the Rooftops

Today, planes land at Hong Kong International Airport, next to Lantau Island. But for many years, the city's airport was Kai Tak, right in the middle of Kowloon. Its single runway stuck out into the harbour like a long finger.

Landing at Kai Tak was famous all over the world. Planes could not fly straight in, because hills stood in the way. A pilot had to fly towards a hill with a huge red-and-white checkerboard painted on it, then make a sharp turn to the right. The plane dropped so low over Kowloon City that people on the rooftops felt they could almost touch its wheels. The roar of the engines shook the windows of every flat below.

Only the best pilots were allowed to try it. A pilot who landed a job flying to Hong Kong had to pass a special course first. In strong winds, a plane sometimes came down crooked, its tyres squealing as they hit the runway.

In the end, Kai Tak was too small and too busy. Engineers cut down two small islands near Lantau and joined them together with sand and rock to make one flat platform for a new airport. On the last night at Kai Tak, the runway lights were switched off one by one, and thousands of people came to say goodbye.

Today the old runway has a new job. Giant cruise ships now park at the end of it, where the planes once took off. Even now, some older people in Kowloon City still look up when they hear a plane — out of habit.

Choose the best answer by blackening the circle.

1. The runway at Kai Tak _____.

- ○ A. went through the middle of Kowloon
- ○ B. was built on top of a hill
- ○ C. reached out over the water
- ○ D. was shaped like a hand

2. Paragraph 2 is mainly about _____.

- ○ A. the hill with the checkerboard on it
- ○ B. why landing at Kai Tak was so difficult
- ○ C. the people who lived in Kowloon City
- ○ D. how pilots learned to fly

3. 'Engineers cut down two small islands near Lantau and joined **them** together with sand and rock …' (line 13) The word **'them'** refers to _____.

- ○ A. the engineers
- ○ B. the planes
- ○ C. the hills
- ○ D. the two islands

4. '… its tyres **squealing** as they hit the runway.' (line 11) **'Squealing'** is the sound of _____.

- ○ A. the wind blowing across the runway
- ○ B. the plane's wheels touching the ground
- ○ C. the passengers shouting in fear
- ○ D. the engines being switched off

5. Read the dictionary entry below. Which meaning of **'landed'** is used in line 9?

> **land** /lænd/
> *noun*
> 1. the part of the earth that is not covered by water
> ◊ After six days at sea, the sailors were glad to see land.
> 2. a country
> ◊ He left his land to look for work in the city.
> *verb*
> 3. to come down onto the ground after flying
> ◊ The plane will land in ten minutes.
> 4. to get something that you wanted, such as a job or a place
> ◊ My sister landed a place on the school swimming team.

- ○ A. 1
- ○ B. 2
- ○ C. 3
- ○ D. 4

6. Hong Kong needed a new airport because Kai Tak _____.

- ○ A. was too close to the hills
- ○ B. was built on two small islands
- ○ C. could not take so many planes
- ○ D. was too far from the city

7. Some older people in Kowloon City still look up when they hear a plane because _____.

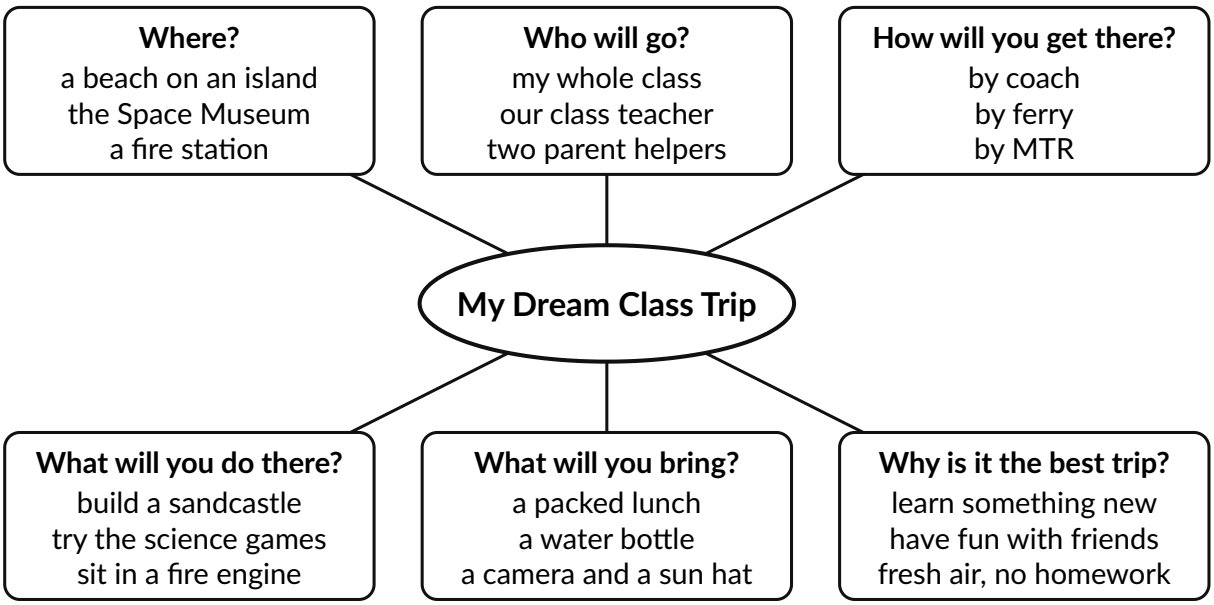
- ○ A. they watched planes above their homes for many years
- ○ B. planes still fly low over their rooftops
- ○ C. they are afraid a plane will crash
- ○ D. the new airport is next to Kowloon City

Answers: 1 C 2 B 3 D 4 B 5 D 6 C 7 A Cover this box before you start.

Writing

You are writing an article for your school magazine about your dream class trip.

Write about 80 words. You may use some ideas from the mind map and/or your own ideas.



Title: _____

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