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Unit 3 Asian and Western cultures**Set A**

No. of Word: 397

Read the following article and answer the questions on pages 2–3.

Hong Kong — where the East meets the West

[1] Hong Kong is an international city located on the southern coast of China. With much of its colonial heritage preserved, this metropolis is seen as a melting pot blending different cultures together, a place where a unique cultural identity has been created. Everything, from its festive events to language, points to a truly global community and makes it the only one of its kind.

- 5 [2] There are many examples where Hong Kong realizes this blend. The most typical example can be drawn from how people celebrate different festivals. While Hong Kong people celebrate traditional Chinese festivals such as Chinese New Year, Mid-Autumn Festival and Ching Ming Festival, Western festivals like Halloween, Easter and Christmas also play an important role in their lives.
- 10 [3] Besides the celebration of festivals, Hong Kong fashion is largely influenced by different cultures. In the shopping malls, one can always find local brands as well as brands imported from all over the world. This may be due to globalization, which makes marketing and retailing easier. The variety may also be due to the development of this free economy, which welcomes all sorts of business to set foot here. The way local people dress themselves also shows how two
- 15 cultures have influenced Hong Kong. It is not rare to see local businesswomen wearing scarfs and high heels, which originated in Western countries. At the same time, *cheongsam* is also popular among Hong Kong ladies, especially those from well-off families, as it is perceived to be more formal and is regarded as haute couture in the Chinese culture.

- [4] Hong Kong has rightfully earned a reputation as a world-renowned gourmet paradise. Here
- 20 you can choose anything you like — Italian pizza, German sausages, American burgers. Besides eating in the five-star restaurants, one can always choose to eat in food stalls where local cuisines are served. However, it does not necessarily mean that low-cost food is not as delicious as those in high-end restaurants.

- [5] Hong Kong is a truly multilingual society. Due to the promotion of multilingualism in the
- 25 education system, the majority of the citizens can master at least two languages, namely Chinese and English. And since children learn Putonghua in the primary school after the handover of the sovereignty, they become even more competitive when they join the work force. With this advantage, local people here are more ready than ever to meet the West!

Scanning

1. According to paragraph 1, what makes Hong Kong's cultural identity special?

Meaning of words

2. Look at how the expressions below are used in paragraph 1. Decide which of the options provided is closest in meaning. Blacken ONE circle only.

| Line | Expression | Meaning |
|------|-----------------|---|
| 2 | melting pot | <input type="radio"/> a place where different styles are mixed together <input type="radio"/> a place where the temperatures are always high <input type="radio"/> a place where alchemists melt gold |
| 4 | one of its kind | <input type="radio"/> can be found in relatively large numbers <input type="radio"/> widespread around the world <input type="radio"/> very unusual and special |

Scanning

3. Complete the sentence below using information from the text.

Hong Kong people celebrate both _____

Synonyms

4. Read paragraphs 2 and 3 and find words or phrases which match these definitions.

| Word / Phrase | Definition |
|---------------|---|
| i) | (n) fashionable made-to measure clothes |
| ii) | (n) mixture |
| iii) | (n) diversity |

Scanning

5. What are the two reasons which welcome both local and international brands to do business in Hong Kong?

Scanning

6. How does the dressing style of Hong Kong women illustrate the fusion of East and West cultures?

Paraphrase

7. Which of the following is NOT mentioned in paragraph 4?

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|---|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| A. Tourists like eating at food stalls more than in high-end restaurants. | A | B | C | D |
| B. Low-cost food can be as delicious as expensive food. | | | | |
| C. Hong Kong deserves its name as a food paradise. | | | | |
| D. A wide variety of food choices are available in Hong Kong. | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |

Antonyms

8. Find a word in paragraph 4 that means the opposite of 'tasteless'.

Skimming

9. Which is the topic sentence of paragraph 5?

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|--|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| A. Children learn Putonghua in the primary school after the handover of the sovereignty. | A | B | C | D |
| B. Hong Kong is a truly multilingual society. | | | | |
| C. Local people here are more ready than ever to meet the West. | | | | |
| D. The majority of the citizens can master at least two languages. | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |

Reference

10. Read paragraph 5 and find out what the following pronouns refer to.

| Pronoun | Line | Reference |
|----------------|------|-----------|
| they | 27 | |
| this advantage | 28 | |

Scanning

11. Which of following is NOT mentioned in the article?

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|--------------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| A. Hong Kong as a colony | A | B | C | D |
| B. Languages spoken in Hong Kong | | | | |
| C. Hong Kong's geographical location | | | | |
| D. The core values of Hong Kong | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |

Purpose

12. What is the main purpose of the text?

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|--|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| A. To discuss how Hong Kong enjoys a number of competitive advantages | A | B | C | D |
| B. To show that Hong Kong is a place where Chinese and Western cultures converge | | | | |
| C. To explain why Hong Kong is an open and welcoming community. | | | | |
| D. To prove that Hong Kong retains its deep-rooted Chinese character. | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |

End of Paper

Hong Kong — where the East meets the West

Answer Key (Set A)

Scanning

1. According to paragraph 1, what makes Hong Kong's cultural identity special?

A lot of colonial heritage is preserved (lines 1–2)

Meaning of words

2. Look at how the expressions below are used in paragraph 1. Decide which of the options provided is closest in meaning. Blacken ONE circle only.

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|------|-----------------|--|
| 2 | melting pot | <input checked="" type="radio"/> a place where different styles are mixed together <input type="radio"/> a place where the temperatures are always high <input type="radio"/> a place where alchemists melt gold |
| 4 | one of its kind | <input type="radio"/> can be found in relatively large numbers <input type="radio"/> widespread around the world <input checked="" type="radio"/> very unusual and special |

Scanning

3. Complete the sentence below using information from the text.

Hong Kong people celebrate both Chinese (line 7) and Western festivals (line 8)

Synonyms

4. Read paragraphs 2 and 3 and find words or phrases which match these definitions.

| Word / Phrase | Definition |
|-------------------------------|---|
| i) couture (line 18) | (n) fashionable made-to measure clothes |
| ii) blend (line 5) | (n) mixture |
| iii) variety (line 13) | (n) diversity |

Scanning

5. What are the two reasons which welcome both local and international brands to do business in Hong Kong?

Globalization (line 12) and the development of the free economy (line 13)

Scanning

6. How does the dressing style of Hong Kong women illustrate the fusion of East and West cultures?

They wear scarfs and high heels, which originated in Western countries (lines 15–16); they also wear traditional Chinese clothes like *cheongsam*, which is perceived to be more formal and haute couture. (lines 16–18).

Paraphrase

7. Which of the following is NOT mentioned in paragraph 4?
- A. Tourists like eating at food stalls more than in high-end restaurants.
 - B. Low-cost food can be as delicious as expensive food. (lines 22–23)
 - C. Hong Kong deserves its name as a food paradise. (line 19)
 - D. A wide variety of food choices are available in Hong Kong. (line 20)
- A B C D
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Antonyms

8. Find a word in paragraph 4 that means the opposite of 'tasteless'.

delicious (line 22)

Skimming

9. Which is the topic sentence of paragraph 5?
- A. Children learn Putonghua in the primary school after the handover of the sovereignty.
 - B. Hong Kong is a truly multilingual society. (line 24)
 - C. Local people here are more ready than ever to meet the West.
 - D. The majority of the citizens can master at least two languages.
- A B C D
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Reference

10. Read paragraph 5 and find out what the following pronouns refer to.

| Pronoun | Line | Reference |
|----------------|------|--|
| they | 27 | children |
| this advantage | 28 | The ability to speak multiple languages / Being multilingual |

Scanning

11. Which of following is NOT mentioned in the article?
- A. Hong Kong as a colony (lines 1–2)
 - B. Languages spoken in Hong Kong (lines 25–26)
 - C. Hong Kong's geographical location (line 1)
 - D. The core values of Hong Kong
- A B C D
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Purpose

12. What is the main purpose of the text?
- A. To discuss how Hong Kong enjoys a number of competitive advantages
 - B. To show that Hong Kong is a place where Chinese and Western cultures converge
 - C. To explain why Hong Kong is an open and welcoming community.
 - D. To prove that Hong Kong retains its deep-rooted Chinese character.
- A B C D
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Name: _____ () Class: _____ Date: _____

Unit 3 Asian and Western culture**Set B**

No. of Word: 652

Read the following article and answer the questions on pages 8–10.

Hong Kong — where the East meets the West

[1] Hong Kong is an international city located on the southern coast of China. With much of its colonial heritage preserved, this metropolis is seen as a melting pot blending different cultures together, a place where a distinctive cultural identity has been created. Everything, from its festive events to language, points to a truly global community and makes it the only one of its kind.

[2] There are many examples which illustrate the mix of two cultures in Hong Kong. The customs about how people celebrate different festivals is a case in point. While Hong Kong people celebrate traditional Chinese festivals such as Chinese New Year, Mid-Autumn Festival and Ching Ming Festival, festivals like Halloween, Easter and Christmas, which are associated with the western culture, also play a significant role in their lives.

[3] Besides the celebration of festivals, Hong Kong fashion is largely international. In the shopping arcades, it is not hard to find both local brands as well as brands from all over the world. This may be due to globalization, which makes marketing and retailing easier. The variety may also be due to the development of this free economy, which welcomes all sorts of business to set foot here. The way local people dress also shows how two cultures have influenced Hong Kong. It is not rare to see local businesswomen wearing scarfs and high heels, which originated in Western countries. At the same time, *cheongsam* is also popular among Hong Kong ladies, especially those from well-off families, as it is perceived to be more formal and is regarded as haute couture in the Chinese culture.

[4] The great variety of choices of restaurants reflects the blending of Asian and Western cultures in Hong Kong. For this, Hong Kong has earned the reputable label of ‘gourmet paradise’. Here, you can choose a range of foods to suit your taste — Italian pizza, German sausages, American burgers. While most Hong Kong families are devoted to Chinese cuisine, some families, especially those in the middle class, very often opt for western cuisines and dine at high-end restaurants.

[5] The architecture of Hong Kong is another area worth exploration. It provides strong evidence of how the East mingles with the West. Take the numbering of floors in buildings as an example. The fourth floor is sometimes found missing from some buildings because the number ‘4’ in Cantonese sounds similar to the word ‘death’. By the same token, the thirteenth floor is sometimes not found in buildings — in western culture, the number is considered to bring bad luck. Another example is Hong Kong Central Library. This building has a doorway which is arch-shaped, which symbolizes the Gate to Knowledge. Its logo is made up of a triangle, a

square and a circle, each representing different things — the circle represents the sky; the square the land, and the triangle the accumulation of knowledge. Overall, the outlook of the building
35 features a lot of characteristics of European buildings. On the other hand, the interior adopts a configuration echoing the features of a traditional Chinese home. For example, Chinese sculptures can be found in various locations and its main entrance does not lead directly into the building.

[6] Hong Kong is a truly multilingual society. Due to the promotion of multilingualism in the
40 education system, the majority of the citizens can master at least two languages, namely Chinese and English. The blending of Chinese, English and other cultures is reflected in its language. Although Chinese and English are fundamentally distinct languages, this has not hindered the mutual borrowing of lexical items between the two. Local people use numerous loanwords, such as bus, strawberry and salmon, in their daily lives. What's more, Hong Kong
45 people started to learn Putonghua since they were young. After the handover of sovereignty, Putonghua has been included in the core curriculum in the primary and secondary school to strengthen students' language ability.

Skimming

1. What is the main theme of the text?
- A. Tourist scenic spots in Hong Kong
 - B. The fusion of Chinese and Western cultures in Hong Kong
 - C. A brief history of Hong Kong
 - D. What makes Hong Kong an international city

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| A | B | C | D |
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Reference

2. What does 'two cultures' (line 6) refer to?

Main idea

3. What is paragraph 2 mainly about?

Scanning

4. What are the two reasons which welcome both local and international brands to do business in Hong Kong?

Synonyms

5. Read paragraphs 2 and 3 and find words or phrases which match these definitions.

| Word / Phrase | Definition |
|---------------|--|
| i) | (<i>n</i>) blend |
| ii) | (<i>v</i>) related to |
| iii) | (<i>adj</i>) cosmopolitan |
| iv) | (<i>n</i>) diversity |
| v) | (<i>n</i>) fashionable made-to measure clothes |

Reference

6. What does 'it' (line 18) refer to?

Scanning

7. Why has Hong Kong been given a name of 'gourmet paradise' (lines 21–22)?

Meaning of words

8. Which of the following is similar in meaning to 'configuration' (line 36)?

- A. structure
- B. building
- C. designer
- D. tradition

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| A | B | C | D |
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Scanning / Paraphrase

9. Based on the information in paragraph 5, complete the summary by writing ONE word to fill in each blank. You should make sure that your answers are grammatically correct, paying attention to word form, plurals, etc.

The (i) _____ in Hong Kong show the (ii) _____ of Chinese and Western cultures. For example, the Hong Kong Central Library looks like a (iii) _____ building on the outside, but its (iv) _____ and location of the main entrance shows (v) _____ of a Chinese home.

Main idea

10. What is paragraph 5 mainly about?

- A. A brief introduction of Hong Kong Central Library
- B. How Western culture has influenced Hong Kong
- C. The writer's views on Hong Kong's buildings
- D. Special features of architecture in Hong Kong

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| A | B | C | D |
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Meaning of words

11. Which of the following can best replace 'accumulation' (line 34)?

- A. learning
- B. build-up
- C. imparting
- D. source

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| A | B | C | D |
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Purpose

12. Why does the writer cite examples of loanwords in Cantonese?

Synonyms

13. Find a word in paragraph 6 that means 'obstructed'.

Scanning / Paraphrase

14. Use ONE word to complete each blank.

There are a lot of English _____ in Cantonese and these _____ words are transliterated into Chinese characters and used widely in Hong Kong.

Paraphrase

15. Based on the information given in paragraphs 4–6, decide if the following statements are **True**, **False**, or the information is **Not Given**. Blacken ONE circle only for each statement.

| | T | F | NG |
|---|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| i) Hong Kong has a good reputation of providing excellent food. | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| ii) The influence of Western culture is reflected on the buildings in Hong Kong. | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| iii) Primary schools in Hong Kong placed more emphasis on Putonghua after Hong Kong had returned to Chinese rule. | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| iv) Most of Hong Kong people are good at Putonghua. | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |

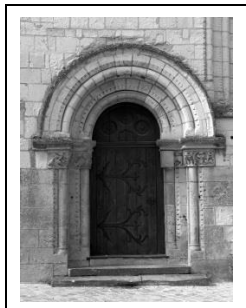
Scanning

16. Which of the following is NOT mentioned in the article?

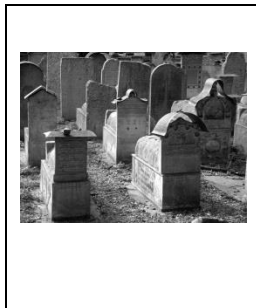
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A.



B.



C.



D.



Purpose

17. Which of the following is the best alternative title for this article?

A. A place brimming with tradition

B. An open and welcoming city

C. A truly Asia's world city

D. Deep roots in the culture of Hong Kong

| A | B | C | D |
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End of Paper

Hong Kong — where the East meets the West

Answer Key (Set B)

Skimming

1. What is the main theme of the text?
 - A. Tourist scenic spots in Hong Kong
 - B. The fusion of Chinese and Western cultures in Hong Kong
 - C. A brief history of Hong Kong
 - D. What makes Hong Kong an international city

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| A | B | C | D |
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Reference

2. What does 'two cultures' (line 6) refer to?

Chinese culture and Western culture

Main idea

3. What is paragraph 2 mainly about?

Hong Kong people celebrate both Western and Chinese festivals.

Scanning

4. What are the two reasons which welcome both local and international brands to do business in Hong Kong?

Globalization (line 13) and the development of the free economy (line 14)

Synonyms

5. Read paragraphs 2 and 3 and find words or phrases which match these definitions.

| Word / Phrase | Definition |
|---|--|
| i) mix (line 6) | (<i>n</i>) blend |
| ii) associated with (lines 9–10) | (<i>v</i>) related to |
| iii) international (line 11) | (<i>adj</i>) cosmopolitan |
| iv) variety (line 14) | (<i>n</i>) diversity |
| v) couture (line 19) | (<i>n</i>) fashionable made-to measure clothes |

Reference

6. What does 'it' (line 18) refer to?

Cheongsam (line 17)

Scanning

7. Why has Hong Kong been given a name of 'gourmet paradise' (lines 21–22)?

A wide variety of restaurants can be found in Hong Kong (lines 20–21)

Meaning of words

8. Which of the following is similar in meaning to 'configuration' (line 36)?

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Scanning / Paraphrase

9. Based on the information in paragraph 5, complete the summary by writing ONE word to fill in each blank. You should make sure that your answers are grammatically correct, paying attention to word form, plurals, etc.

The (i) buildings (line 27) in Hong Kong show the (ii) blend (line 27) of Chinese and Western cultures. For example, the Hong Kong Central Library looks like a (iii) European (line 35) building on the outside, but its (iv) sculptures (line 37) and location of the main entrance shows (v) features (line 36) of a Chinese home.

Main idea

10. What is paragraph 5 mainly about?

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Meaning of words

11. Which of the following can best replace 'accumulation' (line 34)?

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- C. imparting
- D. source

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| A | B | C | D |
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Purpose

12. Why does the writer cite examples of loanwords in Cantonese?

To show the influence of English in Hong Kong / To show that the blending of Chinese and English is reflected in the language (lines 41–42)

Synonyms

13. Find a word in paragraph 6 that means 'obstructed'.

hindered (line 43)

Scanning / Paraphrase

14. Use ONE word to complete each blank.

There are a lot of English loanwords (44) in Cantonese and these borrowed (line 43) words are transliterated into Chinese characters and used widely in Hong Kong.

Paraphrase

15. Based on the information given in paragraphs 4–6, decide if the following statements are **True**, **False**, or the information is **Not Given**. Blacken ONE circle only for each statement.

| | T | F | NG |
|---|----------------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------------|
| i) Hong Kong has a good reputation of providing excellent food. | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input checked="" type="radio"/> |
| ii) The influence of Western culture is reflected on the buildings in Hong Kong. (lines 26–27) | <input checked="" type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| iii) Primary schools in Hong Kong placed more emphasis on Putonghua after Hong Kong had returned to Chinese rule. (lines 45–46) | <input checked="" type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| iv) Most of Hong Kong people are good at Putonghua. | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input checked="" type="radio"/> |

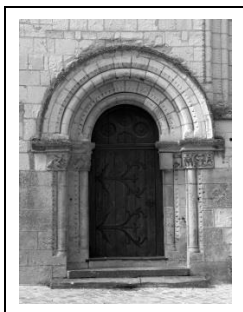
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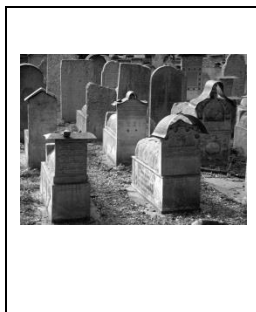
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A. (line 32)



B.



C. (line 36–37)



D. (line 17)



Purpose

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- B. An open and welcoming city
- C. A truly Asia's world city
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| A | B | C | D |
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| <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input checked="" type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |