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Comprehension – Unit 6

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History of the Peak



Victoria Peak is a hill located on the western half of Hong Kong Island. It also has two other names -- Mount Austin and the Peak. With an **elevation** of 552 m (1811 ft), it is the highest hill on Hong Kong Island. As early as the 19th century, the Peak was very popular because of its scenic views over the city and its **temperate** weather which was comfortable for daily life.

People didn't always live on the Peak. In fact, the sixth Governor of Hong Kong, Sir Richard MacDonnell, had a summer home built on the Peak and so other people followed by building houses there as their summer vacation homes.

Also, traveling up to the Peak in those days was difficult. Back then, residents reached their homes by sedan chairs, which carried people up and down the **steep** slope of Victoria Peak. As residents wanted easier **accessibility** to the Peak, more residents were trying to look for an easy way to up. As a result, the Peak Tram was opened in 1888. After that, there was no need for sedan chairs anymore.

With over several million visitors every year, the Peak is one of Hong Kong's major tourist attractions. It has views of the city and its waterfront. The viewing deck also has telescopes that the visitors can use to enjoy the **cityscape**. There are two major shopping centres at the Peak which are the Peak Tower and the Peak Galleria. Since the Peak offers many activities to enjoy, it is no surprise that tourists from all over the world travel to the top of the Peak to experience it all.

A. Fill in the table with short answers and answer the questions in complete sentences.

1. With the help of the passage, fill in the information below.

Other names of the Peak:	a) _____	b) _____
The original resident:	c) _____	

Please write the answers on the worksheet or on the answer sheet. If you do not have access to a printer, please create your own answer sheet using a piece of paper.

2. Why was the Peak so popular in the early 19th Century?

3. How did people travel up the Peak in the early days?

4. What public transport was constructed for an easy way up the Peak?

5. What can visitors use to enjoy the view of Hong Kong?

B. Tick the suitable answer.

1. The main idea of the passage is about _____.

- a. The sixth Governor of Hong Kong b. The Peak's history
c. theme parks in Hong Kong

2. The first Peak Tram opened in _____.

- a. 1888 b. 1832 c. 1901

3. According to the passage, there are _____ major shopping centres at the Peak.

- a. five b. three c. two

4. Which of the following sentences is true?

- a. The Peak is located in London.
b. The Peak is the highest hill on Hong Kong Island.
c. People travel up the Peak by sedan chairs nowadays.

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C. Match the words from the passage with their meaning.

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| 1. elevation (n.) (line 3) | a. relating to climate characterized by mild temperature |
| 2. temperate (adj.) (line 4) | b. height above a given level |
| 3. steep (adj.) (line 10) | c. the visual appearance of a city |
| 4. accessibility (n.) (line 11) | d. rising or falling sharply |
| 5. cityscape (n.) (line 16) | e. the quality of being easy to obtain or use |

1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____ 4. _____ 5. _____

D. Fill in the blanks with the words from Part C. You may need to change the form of the word.

1. Wheelchair ramps allow the disabled to gain _____ to buildings.
2. The _____ of Hong Kong is magnificent. It attracts many tourists from every corner of the world to come every year.
3. After several heavy rainfalls, the area has a sudden _____ of water flowing in from the sea. As a result, flooding occurs in some parts of the area.
4. Malaysia has a _____ climate which makes its crops grow healthily, yielding a large amount rice and coconuts.
5. The _____ slopes in Japan make it a snow skier's paradise in the wintertime.

E. Make a meaningful sentence using each of the words below taken from the passage.

1. difficult (adj.) (line 9)

2. residents (n.) (line 11)

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C. Match the words from the passage with their meaning.

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D. Fill in the blanks with the words from Part C. You may need to change the form of the word.

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4. _____
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2. _____
