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You have found a poem about public transport on the same blog. Read the poem.

Text 2 Poem

Ferry v. MTR

For visitors to Hong Kong, I'm undeniably the best,
People riding me never feel stressed.
While over the water I smoothly advance,
Tourists can see the city lights dance.

5

Sorry, in transporting tourists you fail!
You move just like a sleepy snail.
I travel at double your dawdling speed.
In minutes I get visitors where they need.

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Though you zoom a fraction faster,
At getting to islands I'm the master.
Can you get to Lamma or Cheung Chau?
You can't fool me—you don't know how!

15

If tourists use our website to plan their trips,
They will find lots of worthwhile travelling tips.
My reach extends to the far reaches of the city,
To all the places that are so pretty!

20

Who would choose to journey underground
Where the gorgeous scenery cannot astound?
Why people travel by ferry is no mystery.
I'm a souvenir from Hong Kong's history!



It's time to get rid of the old and welcome the new.
Everyone would prefer if you withdrew.
The future is coming around the bend
At a speed faster than you can comprehend!

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Comprehension 2 *You are filling out a quiz based on the poem. Answer the questions using information from the poem. For multiple-choice questions, choose the best answer and blacken ONE circle only.*

- 1 Complete the following summary of stanza 1. Write ONE word for each blank. Answers must be grammatically correct.

According to the ferry, it is not _____ to travel on it and it is actually very relaxing. It gives people a _____ ride across the water, without any hassle. At night, travellers can see the city lights which look like they are _____.

- 2 Find words in stanzas 1–2 that mean the same as the following:

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|---------------------|-------|
| i) without question | _____ |
| ii) move forward | _____ |
| iii) slow | _____ |

- 3 Find an expression in stanza 2 that is BOTH a simile and an example of alliteration.

- 4 What islands is the ferry referring to in stanza 3?

- 5 According to the MTR, how can tourists plan their trips around Hong Kong?

- 6 Find a word in stanza 5 that means the opposite of 'bore'.

- 7 Why does the ferry think that people do not want to travel underground?

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8 Why do you think the ferry call itself 'a souvenir from history'?



9 What is the main idea of stanza 6?

10 According to the poem, which form of public transport is better for each of the following? Tick (✓) the appropriate boxes.

- i) speed
- ii) scenery
- iii) travelling far distances

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11 The ferry and the MTR train talk and argue. What literary device is this an example of?

12 What is the tone of the poem?

- A humorous
- B educational
- C romantic
- D melancholic

A B C D
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13 Which of the two types of public transport mentioned in the poem do you think is superior? Explain your answer.
