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Your cousin from London is visiting Hong Kong. You are planning her trip and have found an itinerary shared by a travel blogger. Read the itinerary.

Text 1 Itinerary

Hong Kong's Great Outdoors

By Travelguy

① Hong Kong is more than just a city filled with skyscrapers. If you follow this four-day itinerary, you will see the natural side of Hong Kong.

Day 1: Nam Sang Wai and Mingle Farm

② Nam Sang Wai is the perfect location for a weekend
5 getaway. Rent a bike. Ride it from Yuen Long Station to
Nam Sang Wai Ferry Pier. From there, take your bike with
you across the Shan Pui River by sampan. Enjoy the natural
scenery as you ride along the paths filled with Red River
Gum trees. Birdwatchers love this area. Keep your eyes to
10 the sky. You might spot a rare species or two. Stay for a
little while to watch the sky melt into beautiful orange and
pink hues. In the evening, take a bus to Mingle Farm in
Yuen Long. Spend a night in one of their fancy bubble tents
or inflatable mushroom houses for an authentic glamping
15 experience!



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Day 2: Tai O Fishing Village

- ③ Tai O is one of the few remaining fishing villages in Hong Kong. To get there, go to Tung Chung by MTR.
- 20 Then take Bus No. 11. After that, go on a dolphin-watching boat tour to catch a glimpse of the endangered Chinese white dolphins. You might need a little bit of luck to see these
- 25 playful rosy creatures. Even if you don't spot any, you will still get a close-up view of the distinctive stilt houses in Tai O. Finally, take a stroll along the streets of Tai O Village for a
- 30 taste of local specialties like home-made shrimp paste and dried seafood.

**Day 3: Hong Kong UNESCO Global Geopark**

- ④ The UNESCO-listed Geopark consists of two parts: the Sai Kung
- 35 Volcanic Rock Region and the Northeast New Territories Sedimentary Rock Region. Join one of the boat tours to explore different natural wonders in the Geopark. This includes hexagonal rock
- 40 columns, sea caves and sea arches. If you want to explore by yourself, you shouldn't miss Lai Chi Wo. This historical Hakka village won the heart of Lonely Planet, one of the most well-established travel guide book publishers in the world.
- 45 Alternatively, take a ferry from Sai Kung to Sharp Island. The waters there are as clear as crystal. Keep an eye out for the unusual 'pineapple bun' boulders. These rocks strongly resemble the famous local snack!

**Day 4: Trio Beach**

- ⑤ Finish your holiday by relaxing on Trio Beach, a hidden gem in Sai Kung. The short
- 50 hike to the beach begins at Che Kung Tuk Road. And it includes a beautiful viewpoint that lets you see far over the water. When you finally arrive, sunbathe on the fine white sand and reflect on your amazing trip!

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Comprehension 1 *Your cousin wants to ask you something about where to visit in Hong Kong. Answer her questions using information from the itinerary. For multiple-choice questions, choose the best answer and blacken ONE circle only.*

1 According to paragraph 1, what does Travelguy want to introduce to his readers?

2 Which TWO means of transport does Travelguy suggest that his readers should use in Nam Sang Wai?

i) _____

ii) _____

3 Why do birdwatchers love Nam Sang Wai?

A because it is inconveniently located

B because they might spot rare birds

C because they can enjoy a bike ride

D because they can stay in a bubble tent

A B C D

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4 ‘Stay for a little while to watch the sky melt into beautiful orange and pink hues.’ (lines 10 – 12) is an example of _____.

A personification

C metaphor

A B C D

B repetition

D simile

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5 Use ONE word to complete each blank. Make sure the words are grammatically correct.

If you are (i) _____, you might be able to see the Chinese white dolphin during your (ii) _____ at Tai O Fishing Village.

6 Find a word in paragraph 3 that means ‘having a characteristic that makes something different and easily noticed’.

7 What TWO food products is Tai O famous for?

i) _____

ii) _____

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8 Find ONE example of simile in paragraph 4. _____

9 What does 'hidden gem' (line 49) suggest about Trio Beach?

- A It is extremely difficult to access.
- B It is full of precious stones.
- C It is an outstanding place, but not a lot of people know about it. A B C D
- D It is overrated and crowded with tourists. ○ ○ ○ ○

10 According to paragraphs 3–5, are the following statements **True (T)**, **False (F)** or **Not Given (NG)**?

Statements	T	F	NG
i) Travelguy recommends getting to Tai O by mini-bus from Tung Chung.	○	○	○
ii) Some of the rocks on Sharp Island look like pineapple buns.	○	○	○
iii) You can go to Trio Beach by sampan.	○	○	○

11 Read the following comments by readers of the itinerary. Which day of the itinerary do you think they are interested in? Write the correct day on the line next to each comment.

- i) 'I love hiking and sunbathing, but I prefer going to places that are less crowded.' _____
- ii) 'I'm interested in architecture. I heard that some people live in houses above water.' _____
- iii) 'I'm a geology student, so I'd love to see more of the natural landscapes of Hong Kong.' _____
- iv) 'I'm planning for a staycation with my friends. I think staying in a transparent tent would be fun!' _____

12 Find words from Text 1 with these meanings.

- i) very tall buildings in a city (n., paragraph 1) _____
- ii) capable of being filled with air (adj., paragraph 2) _____
- iii) a look at something or somebody for a very short time (n., paragraph 3) _____
- iv) products that a person or place is famous for making well (n., paragraph 3) _____