

Caritas Tuen Mun Marden Foundation Secondary School
Secondary 2 English Language
Easter Holiday Assignment

After a group of exchange students from the UK visited your school, your NET showed you a blog entry written by the group leader. Read the blog entry and answer the questions. Write your answers in the spaces provided. For multiple choice questions, choose the best answer and blacken the circle next to the corresponding letter.

Macau has everything a shopper could want — and more!

Posted by Pat Harris on 8th October 201_

1 We just got back to Hong Kong after spending three days in Macau — and all I can say is, ‘Wow — we’re returning soon!’

Many people visit China’s other Special Administrative Region (SAR) to learn about Macau’s unique history as a former Portuguese colony, but few travellers go there just to shop.



2 They should — because in some ways, shopping in Macau is more interesting than shopping in Hong Kong. Don’t get me wrong — Hong Kong has some of the best shops in Asia. (Tomorrow we’re visiting the most popular street markets in the city — Stanley Market and Temple Street Night Market — I can’t wait!) But Macau also has a lot of trendy shopping centres with new arrivals and the latest model of products for prices that tend to be less expensive than those in ‘shopping paradises’ like Hong Kong and Tokyo.

3 My favourite was the Grand Canal Shoppes. Located in the Venetian Macau Hotel, the Grand Canal Shoppes is the most fashionable shopping centre in the city, with a great variety of shops (in fact, more than 350), a wide selection of eateries and restaurants, interesting promotional events, such as *Da Vinci the Exhibition*, an interactive gallery about the famous Italian artist Leonardo Da Vinci, and a man-made canal that shoppers can float down in an Italian-style boat called a gondola.

25 **4** For shoppers who like to get off the beaten path, Macau also has a lot of street markets where you can pick up name-brand bargains or one-of-a-kind items on special offer — while stocks last. Make sure to stop at a cash machine before you go as many vendors require you to pay by cash. Alternatively you could visit the street market in Senado Square, the most popular outdoor shopping area in Macau.

30 **5** Senado Square is in the heart of downtown Macau, so shopping there makes you feel like you're at the centre of the action. You never have to worry about bumping into other shoppers, as you do in Hong Kong, because the square is very spacious. I found a lot of great deals in Senado Square — although I had a little trouble finding my size in the shoe shops that I went to. They had many different styles and brands, but my size was out of stock 😞. At least I saved some money — until I came across an electronics shop offering a ten percent discount on everything in the store!

1 Where is the blogger writing from?

2 What is the blog entry about?

3 According to paragraph 1, the writer _____.

- A. spent an entire week in Macau
- B. wasn't impressed with Macau's shopping
- C. went to Macau by himself
- D. will visit Macau again in the near future

4 Which of the following is NOT true about Macau?

- A. It attracts people interested in history.
- B. It is most famous for its shops.
- C. It is one of two SARs in China.
- D. It used to be controlled by the Portuguese.

Look at how the pronouns below are used and briefly explain what they refer to in paragraphs 1–2.

		Pronoun	Line	Reference
	5)	there	line 17	
	6)	They	line 18	
	7)	me	line 19	

8 What is the main idea of paragraph 2?

- A. Hong Kong and Tokyo are shopper's paradises.
- B. Macau's shopping can compete with that of Hong Kong and Tokyo.
- C. Products in Macau are less expensive than those in Hong Kong and Tokyo.
- D. Stanley Market is one of the most popular street markets in Hong Kong.

9 According to paragraph 3, the Grand Canal Shoppes _____.

- A. has an Italian theme
- B. has 350 restaurants
- C. is located beside a hotel
- D. was built on a real canal

10 What is the name of the boat shown in the photo?

11 If you 'get off the beaten path' (line 32), you _____.

- A. drive instead of walk
- B. get lost in a new place
- C. go for a walk in nature
- D. visit a less popular place

12 Find a phrase in paragraph 4 that means 'buy'.

13 A 'one-of-a-kind' (line 33) item is something that is _____.

- A. expensive
- B. small
- C. trendy
- D. Unique

14 Paragraph 4 _____.

- A. describes the name-brands that are available in Macau
- B. gives information about shopping at Macau's street markets
- C. informs readers that many Macau vendors only accept cash
- D. provides readers with directions to Macau's street markets

15 What does the writer suggest in the last sentence?

- A He prefers shopping for electronic products more than for shoes.
- B He saved ten percent on his shopping bill by visiting Macau.
- C He spent the money he saved earlier in the electronics shop.
- D He was too tired to do any more shopping at the end of his visit.

Glossary

Word / Phrase	Pronunciation	Meaning*
unique <i>adj</i> (line 13)	/ju:'ni:k/	unusually good and special
former <i>adj</i> (line 14)	/'fɔ:mə/	happening or existing before, but not now
colony <i>n</i> (line 15)	/'kɒləni/	a country or area that is under the political control of a more powerful country
don't get me wrong <i>exp</i> (line 19)	/dəʊnt get mi rɒŋ/	used to indicate that you do not want someone to misunderstand what you have just said
interactive <i>adj</i> (line 29)	/'ɪntər'æktɪv/	allowing you to communicate directly with something that is able to react to your actions
gallery <i>n</i> (line 29)	/'gæləri/	a place where people can see pieces of art on display
canal <i>n</i> (line 30)	/'kə'næl/	a long passage dug into the ground and filled with water for boats to travel along
cash machine <i>n phr</i> (line 34)	/'kæʃ ,məʃi:n/	a machine in a public place from which you can get money with a plastic card issued by a bank
vendors <i>n</i> (line 35)	/'vendəz/	people who sell things, especially on the street
heart <i>n</i> (line 38)	/hɑ:t/	the middle part of an area, furthest from the edge

*A word or phrase can have various meanings. Each meaning listed here is for the use of the word or phrase in the specified text.