

## ANSWER KEY

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Class: \_\_\_\_\_ ( )

**Tuesday English News Report: Broadcast Date: Oct 29<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

**What has been in the news recently?**

**Part I: Listen to the news item below being read out and fill in the missing words.**

**What is the secret to Hong Kong's high life expectancy?**

The **dense, compact** environment – with easy (1) access to medical facilities – combined with the traditional Chinese culture of caring for the elderly have contributed to its population living to a ripe old age. But can it (2) retain the title of highest expectancy in the world?

**Persistent** social unrest, growing financial inequality and choking urban density might not be (3) traits usually associated with longevity, but despite the troubles currently **gripping** the city, Hong Kong has the highest life expectancy in the world.

According to the United Nations Vital Statistics Summary and Life Expectancy at Birth for 2016 – the most recent data available – Hong Kong women live, on (4) average, to 87.3 years of age and men to 81.3, beating such places as Japan and Italy, which are (5) renowned for longevity.

Hong Kong (6) benefits from many aspects of its urban density, and Woo suggests the **legacy** of British colonial rule has left many well-designed Hong Kong neighbourhoods.

“Sha Tin is an example of good design,” says Woo, a professor of geriatrics at Chinese University. “It was just swamps before and later was purpose-built. There is a river and everyone walks by it, there are green spaces, parks and the public housing is very good. “Our green space is not empty like a football field, there are things in it. You can (7) socialise, do physical activity and you can rest your eyes. It isn't just buildings higgledy-piggledy like a maze. It affects air (8) quality as there is good airflow.” “There is a wet market, little shops, a clinic next door and it is a transport (9) hub,” Woo says. “The elderly don't get **isolated** as everyone greets them. They go out every day; they don't want to stay at home because it is (10) cramped so they get exercise, sunlight and no vitamin D **deficiency**.” Woo also points out that the built environment is concentrated, meaning Hongkongers can walk places, or even go hiking on the city's many trails.

Source: SCMP dated Saturday, October 26<sup>th</sup>, 2019

**Thinking corner:**



**Do you think think it is good to have a long life expectancy? What are the possible consequences or issues for a society in people living longer?**

**Part II: Who or what is in the news?**

<p><b>A</b></p> 	<p>(1) Why has this man been in the news? <b>He was the truck driver (from Ireland) illegally transporting people who died</b></p> <p>(2) What was the truck used to do? <b>Transport people/illegal immigrants</b></p> <p>(3) What happened to the 'goods' inside the truck? <b>The people (39 of them) died</b></p> <p>(4) What issue does this highlight? <b>Illegal people trafficking and its dangers / the desperation of people seeking a better life</b></p>
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<p><b>B</b></p> 	<p>(1) In which South American country have they recently been having protests? <b>Chile</b></p> <p>(2) What sparked (started) the protests? <b>The rise in the capital cities (Santiago's) metro fares</b></p> <p>(3) What is the main issue? <b>inequality / cost of living</b></p>
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**Part III: Vocabulary and understanding meaning:** Match the meaning and/or synonym (words with a similar or the same meaning) to the words which have been taken from the news items this month.

Column A: Word from news	Letter	Column B: Meaning or synonym
1. dense / compact (adj)	<b>D</b>	A: to never give up, to keep going even when the going gets tough
2. persistent (adj)	<b>A</b>	B: far away from other places, buildings, or people; remote
3. grip (v)	<b>F</b>	C: something that is a part of your history or that remains from an earlier time
4. legacy (n)	<b>C</b>	D: closely together
5. isolated (adj)	<b>B</b>	E: a lack of or a shortage of / not enough / insufficient
6. deficiency (adj)	<b>E</b>	F: take and keep a firm hold of; grasp tightly.