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Text 1 **A** Read the news report.

Local News **Hong Kong Morning Post** 12th February 1980

By Peter King

New MTR line crosses the harbour

Yesterday the Star Ferry was crowded — it was full of people travelling between Central and Tsim Sha Tsui. Today the Star Ferry is quiet. Everybody wants to use the new MTR line to cross the harbour.



Raymond Wong uses the new MTR line on its first day of operation.

Office clerk Raymond Wong said, 'Nobody in my office wants to go by ferry now. The MTR is faster. It's cooler too because there's air-conditioning.'



Mrs Leung misses the old market.

But not everybody is happy. Mrs Leung pointed at a new MTR station in Kowloon Tong. 'Look!' she said. 'Last year there was a market. I did my shopping and met my friends here. Now there's only a big, ugly station. I don't want to travel by MTR. It's more expensive than the Star Ferry.'

Mrs Leung is not alone. Tourist David Green said, 'I think the Star Ferry is better than the MTR. There aren't any views to look at on the MTR. Besides, it's noisy and crowded.'

When the MTR first opened four months ago, it ran from Shek Kip Mei to Kwun Tong. Two months later, the line was extended from Shek Kip Mei to Tsim Sha Tsui. Now it is possible to travel under the harbour to Central. Whether you love it or hate it, the MTR is here to stay.

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B *Read the news report again and answer the questions.*

1 How many people did Peter King talk to for the news report?

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2 Who likes the MTR? Why?

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☆3 When did the first part of the MTR open?

Do the sum. Look at the date of the news. Then read the part about when the MTR first opened.

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C *Blacken ● the circles.*

1 David Green doesn't like the MTR because ____ .

① the view isn't good
② the station is ugly
③ it is full of people
④ the MTR is expensive

○ A. ① only
○ B. ① and ②
○ C. ①, ② and ③
○ D. ① and ③

2 Read lines 15–16: Two months later, the line was extended …
What does 'extended' mean?



Try all the options in the sentence. Which one makes sense?

○ A. made shorter
○ B. closed
○ C. made longer
○ D. stopped

3 How does Peter King feel about the MTR?

Does Peter tell us what he thinks? Read the last paragraph.

○ A. We don't know.
○ B. He likes it.
○ C. He doesn't like it.
○ D. He loves it.

☆4 What is the article about?



To find the main idea of a text, ask: Why did the writer write this? Everything in the article is related to the main idea. Some of these options are just details.

○ A. why the MTR is better than the Star Ferry
○ B. what tourists think about the Star Ferry
○ C. when the MTR first opened
○ D. what different people think about the new MTR line

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