

A. True, False, or Not Given

State whether the sentences below are true (T), false (F), or not given (NG).

1. Hong Kong ranks higher than Malaysia in the IELTS. ____
 2. Hong Kong students' IELTS scores have varied greatly over the years. ____
 3. Japan's score is lower than that of mainland China. ____
 4. Malaysia and the Philippines have the same scores. ____
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B. Fill in the blanks

Please complete the table below about:

IELTS	Is a test that 1. _____ ability in the English language.
Hong Kong performance	Hong Kong's average score in the test has not 2. _____ much over the past few years.
Very good users	Nine percent of Hong Kong candidates taking the test 3. _____ 8 or above.
Mistakes	4. _____ and 5. _____ in speaking English are two of the common mistakes made by Hong Kong students.

C. Critical thinking

1. Do you like learning English? Do you find it useful?
2. Do you read English books for leisure?
4. Do you consider English competence an important skill?
5. What would happen to Hong Kong if our English standards fall?

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[Answers]

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1.F; 2.F; 3.F; 4.T

B. Fill in the blanks

1.assesses or evaluates; 2.varied or changed; 3.scored; 4.mispronunciation; 5.lack of fluency