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Do you know that Hong Kong holds some world records? The Tsing Ma Bridge is the world's longest road and rail suspension bridge. In Aberdeen, we have the world's largest floating restaurant. Do this quiz about world records. How many questions can you get right?

<p>1 Which is the heaviest animal in the world?</p> <p>A. the elephant B. the blue whale C. the gorilla</p>	<p>The blue whale is the heaviest animal in the world. How heavy is a blue whale? The largest blue whale weighs about 181,000 kg. That is about the same as 40 elephants or 2,667 men!</p> <p>181,000 = one hundred and eighty-one thousand 2,667 = two thousand six hundred and sixty-seven</p>
<p>2 Which is the highest mountain in the world?</p> <p>A. Huang Shan B. Mount Everest C. Mount Fuji</p>	<p>The highest mountain in the world is Mount Everest. It is about 8,850 metres high. That is almost ten times the height of Tai Mo Shan, Hong Kong's highest mountain. Over 2,000 people have climbed it. The youngest was 15 years old!</p> <p>8,850 = eight thousand eight hundred and fifty</p>
<p>3 How heavy was the lightest adult ever?</p> <p>A. 6 kg B. 16 kg C. 26 kg</p>	<p>The lightest person in the world weighed 6 kg on her twentieth birthday. Most babies weigh 3 to 3.5 kg when they are born.</p> <p>3.5 kg = three point five kilograms</p>
<p>4 Which is the world's biggest desert?</p> <p>A. the Sahara Desert B. the Gobi Desert C. the Arabian Desert</p>	<p>The world's biggest desert is the Sahara Desert in North Africa. It is about the same size as China. The average rainfall is about 2 cm every year. In Hong Kong, we get an average of about 200 cm of rain every year.</p>

<p>5 Where is the world's longest roller coaster?</p> <p>A. in America B. in Japan C. in China</p>	<p>The Steel Dragon in Japan is the world's longest roller coaster. How long is it? It is 2,479 metres long. It is almost three times as long as Hong Kong's longest roller coaster – the Dragon at Ocean Park.</p> <p>2,479 = two thousand four hundred and seventy-nine</p>
<p>6 How long is the longest human tongue?</p> <p>A. 6.8 cm B. 9.8 cm C. 12.8 cm</p>	<p>Stephen Taylor of the UK has the world's longest tongue. It is 9.8 cm long! He can put his tongue up his nose? Can you?</p>
<p>7 Which of these are world records?</p> <p>① eating 36 cockroaches in 1 minute ② eating 200 worms in 30 seconds ③ eating 13 raw eggs in 1 second ④ eating 144 snails in 11 minutes</p> <p>A. all of them B. ① and ③ C. ② and ④</p>	<p>All of them are world records.</p> <p>Yuck!</p>



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Write the answers and tick (✓).

1 How high is Tai Mo Shan?

About _____ .

2 What is the name of the longest roller coaster in the world?

3 How heavy is the largest blue whale?

A. It weighs about 2,667 kg.

B. It weighs about the same as 2,667 elephants.

C. It weighs about the same as 40 men.

D. It weighs about the same as 2,667 men.

4 Which record is about natural landscape?

A. Record 1

B. Record 3

C. Record 4

D. Record 5

5 Which sentence is NOT true?

A. The lightest adult was about two times heavier than a baby.

B. Eating 36 cockroaches in 1 minute is a world record.

C. The Gobi desert is bigger than the Sahara Desert.

D. The man with the world's longest tongue comes from the UK.