

TEXT H: A voyage to Australia

ANSWERS

- a** Mick states that in the 1830s the voyage could take four or five months. Why might the length of time have varied? 1 mark

Possible answer:

because it depended on whether the wind was strong or not (which affected the speed of the ship)

(Note that any answer that shows awareness of the effect of wind speeds, or the different speeds at which the ships travelled, is correct.)

- b** In which part of the ship did steerage passengers stay? 1 mark

the lower / bottom decks

- c** Mick compares the experiences of steerage passengers and cabin-class passengers. In the table below, identify the differences. 4 marks

	steerage passengers	cabin-class passengers
beds	Possible answers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> all in one big space / no separate cabins whole family shared one bed 	Possible answers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> two or three beds per cabin one bed per passenger
food	Possible answers include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> cooked their own food fresh fish salt pork, dried peas, hard biscuits 	Possible answers include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> food prepared by crew better food some fresh meat – e.g. chicken

- d** Give **one** reason why people became ill on sea voyages, and **one** reason why there were not many deaths. 2 marks

Reasons people became ill include:

- diet was low in vitamins and minerals
- many passengers got scurvy

Reasons there were not many deaths include:

- There was a doctor on board.
- Captains followed strict rules about keeping the ship clean.

- e** Why does Mick suggest that some people did **not** read books on the voyage?

1 mark

They could not read.

- f** In what way were the steerage passengers like modern immigrants? 1 mark

Both groups came to Australia looking for a better life.