

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

- 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.**