**A**  Fill in the blanks with the correct forms of the verbs.

There is an old lawyer. He 1. __________ (like) to talk about the good old days.

‘When I was young, people 2. __________ (eat) healthy food.’

‘When I was young, people 3. __________ (be) patient and good to old people.’

‘When I was young, the weather 4. __________ (be) cooler.’

‘When I was young, I 5. __________ (find) life exciting.’

**B**  Look at A again and write what the lawyer thinks and finds.

1. He thinks people eat unhealthy food now.
2. He thinks ________________________________.
3. ________________________________
4. He finds ________________________________.

**C**  Read and answer the questions.

One evening, a fairy comes to the lawyer’s office. She pretends to be a shop assistant. She delivers a pair of boots to the lawyer. It is a pair of magic boots. They can make wishes come true.

The lawyer leaves his office in the magic boots.

‘When I was young, boots were comfortable. I hope the good old days are back.’
Suddenly, there are no more tall buildings or busy traffic. The lawyer is in a quiet street. All the buildings are just three or four floors high. There are just a few old-fashioned buses. The lawyer wants to catch a tunnel bus home but he cannot find the bus-stop.

The lawyer stops a man and asks, ‘Where can I get the tunnel bus?’

‘What tunnel bus? I don’t know what you’re talking about.’

‘I want to go home. I live in Kowloon.’

‘You have to take the ferry. No buses can cross the harbour.’

1. Who is the shop assistant?

2. What does she bring to the lawyer’s office?

3. How are they different from the boots we wear?

4. What is the lawyer’s wish?

5. Does his wish come true?

6. Why couldn’t buses cross the harbour in the old days?

7. How did people cross the harbour in the old days?
D  Fill in the blanks.

better  surprised  slow  busy  tired

   taxi  ground  mobile phone  glasses  suit

The lawyer is 1. ___________________. 'The ferry is too
2. ___________________.' He takes out his 3. ___________________.
He wants to call a 4. ___________________. When he is talking on the
phone, two men come up behind him. They push him to the
5. ___________________. His 6. ___________________ fall off his eyes.
The men take away his watch, his 7. ___________________, his money
and even his boots!

The unlucky lawyer finds his glasses and put them on. He is very
8. ___________________! He sees a 9. ___________________ road with
lots of people and traffic. He is sitting beside a tunnel bus-stop without
any boots.

Now the old lawyer likes the present time 10. ___________________
than the good old days.

E  Join the sentences using 'but / if / so'.

1. The lawyer loses his boots. The good old days disappear.

2. The weather in the good old days might be nice. Transport was not
   convenient.

3. The lawyer lived in the old days. He would not be happy.