Origins of Hong Kong English

Write down True (T) or False (F) for each statement. For the false statements, write down the correct information.

1. During the 19th century, employees of the East India Company were the only traders in the region. _

2. These traders communicated in a type of Chinese-English creole language. _

3. Hong Kong became an official colony at the end of the Opium War in 1842. _

4. The treaty that concluded the war was called the Treaty of Peking. It opened up ports for trading. _

5. One of Hong Kong’s most important English-language institutions is the University of Hong Kong, which was established in 1912. _

6. The 1974 Official Language Ordinance made English a co-official language with Chinese. _

7. Most parents choose want their children to attend secondary schools in Cantonese. _

8. After Hong Kong returned to Chinese rule in 1997, the Hong Kong government wanted to have more Cantonese-medium secondary schools. _

9. The purpose of this was to make Hong Kong a southern Chinese city rather than an international one. _

10. The Beijing government promotes a bilingualism policy in Hong Kong. _