

Read the paragraphs below. For questions 1-5, choose the best heading for each paragraph. There is one extra heading that you will not use.

Unmanned Exploration

The cost of Space Exploration

Moon Exploration

Mars exploration

The age of Space Stations

The Beginning of Space Exploration

Space exploration – the achievements so far

1

The space age began in the 1940s when the first rockets left the earth. However, it was 1961 when the first man went into space. Scientists were able to start studying what happens to the body when there is no gravity.

2

In 1966, the first spacecraft landed on the moon and sent back photographs. This helped prepare for the first man to land and walk on the moon in 1969. Within a few years, astronauts were walking in space and driving around the moon in lunar rovers. This all proved that space technology worked and allowed for more scientific research.

3

Since then there have been unmanned visits to Mars, our nearest neighbour, and other planets. All this builds up our knowledge of the universe and our place in it.

4

In 1986 the age of the space stations began. These allow astronauts to stay and work in space for long periods of time. The International Space Station (ISS) continues to fly above our heads today with a team of scientists busy with research.

5

There is no doubt that we have learned a huge amount from our exploration of space. However, it is expensive. The ISS cost \$100 billion to build. It then costs \$82 million for each astronaut to get to the ISS and back. So, the question people ask is: *Should we continue to explore space?*

