

**I. Find the word which has a different sound in the part underlined.**

1. A. <u>astronaut</u>	B. <u>astronomy</u>	C. <u>astronomer</u>	D. <u>astrology</u>
2. A. <u>satellite</u>	B. <u>microgravity</u>	C. <u>meteorite</u>	D. <u>orbit</u>
3. A. <u>rinseless</u>	B. <u>guess</u>	C. <u>mission</u>	D. <u>miss</u>

**II. Choose the word which has a different stress pattern from the others.**

4. A.habitable	B.experiment	C.simulated	D.missionary
5. A.observatory	B.historical	C.activity	D.parabolic

**III. Choose the best answer A, B, C or D to complete the sentences.**

6. A \_\_\_\_\_ is an enormous system of stars in outer space.  
 A.universe      B.solar system      C.comet      D.galaxy

7. In July of 1975, the first US-Soviet joint \_\_\_\_\_ occurred with the Apollo-Soyuz project.  
 A.mission      B.performance      C.company      D.relation

8. Aircraft flying in \_\_\_\_\_ arcs create microgravity for tests and simulations that last 20-25seconds.  
 A.circular      B.parabolic      C.straight      D.oval

9. Yuri Gagarin became the first person to eat and drink in \_\_\_\_\_.  
 A.weightless      B.gravity      C.specific gravity      D.microgravity

10. I passed all my exams - I'm \_\_\_\_!  
 A.over the moon      B.once in a blue moon      C.out of this world      D.the sky's the limit

11. He's so brilliant and he can do anything - \_\_\_\_\_.  
 A.it's over the moon      B.once in a blue moon      C.out of this world D.the sky's the limit

12. Pham Tuan said everything quite strange although he \_\_\_\_\_ when he was on the ground.  
 A.was - prepared      B.was - has prepared      C.was - had prepared      D.had been - prepared

13. Mukai Chiaki, the first female Japanese astronaut, \_\_\_\_\_ 15 days aboard the space shuttle Columbia in space before it \_\_\_\_\_ to the Earth on July 23, 1994.  
 A.spent - had returned      B.had spent - returned  
 C.was spending - was returning      D.spent - was returning

14. Today, the menu on the ISS includes more than 100 items \_\_\_\_\_ astronauts can choose their daily meals before they fly into space.  
 A.which      B.from which      C.in which      D.where

15. Do you know the reason \_\_\_\_\_ humans are interested in Mars and other planets in the solar system?

A. which      B. that      C. why      D. whose

#### V. Put the verbs in brackets into the correct tense.

21. In 1962, John Glenn (become) \_\_\_\_\_ the first American to orbit the Earth after Yuri Gagarin (do) \_\_\_\_\_ it earlier before.

22. Russia (launch) \_\_\_\_\_ the first space station called Salyut 1 before the United States (do) \_\_\_\_\_ the same with its first space station called Skylab in 1972.



23. Russian cosmonaut Alexei Leonov (walk) \_\_\_\_\_ in space before Neil Armstrong (become) \_\_\_\_\_ the first man to walk on the Moon in 1969.

24. In 1998, the International Space Station (ISS) (be launched) \_\_\_\_\_ into space after the United States and Russia (cooperate) \_\_\_\_\_ in some projects.

25. The Mariner 9 (orbit) \_\_\_\_\_ Mars before Viking 1 successfully (land) \_\_\_\_\_ on the Red Planet.

#### VI. Choose the word or phrase among A, B, C or D that best fits the blank space in the following passage.

##### Space leisure

For most of their time in orbit, astronauts are fully (26) \_\_\_\_\_ with repairs and scientific experiments. But time for relaxation and recreation is essential. To reduce boredom, homesickness and isolation, astronauts are (27) \_\_\_\_\_ to receive a weekly video telephone call from home, as well as daily email messages.

If boredom (28) \_\_\_\_\_, there are plenty of windows from which to admire the ever-changing (29) \_\_\_\_\_ as the International Space Station orbits the planet every 90 minutes. The crew enjoy searching for familiar landmarks, watching lightning flashes, and waiting for one of the (30) \_\_\_\_\_ sunrises and sunsets.

There is a wide choice of leisure activities (31) \_\_\_\_\_ crew members are (32) \_\_\_\_\_ to take along their personal choice of entertainment. These range from chequers or chess sets to books and CDs or their own instruments.

Time (33) \_\_\_\_\_ and bond together is essential for any crew. Meal times are generally set aside for periods of friendly get-togethers, and evenings often (34) \_\_\_\_\_ the crew settling down to watch the (35) \_\_\_\_\_ DVD movies.

26. A. related	B. filled	C. bored	D. occupied
27. A. able	B. capable	C. skillful	D. effective
28. A. sets off	B. continues	C. sets in	D. arrives
29. A. scene	B. view	C. sight	D. landscape
30. A. spectacular	B. glory	C. excited	D. respectful

31.A. so	<b>B.</b> or	<b>C.</b> but	<b>D.</b> since
32.A. accepted	<b>B.</b> avoided	<b>C.</b> allowed	<b>D.</b> admitted
33.A. relax	<b>B.</b> to relax	<b>C.</b> relaxing	<b>D.</b> to be relaxing
34.A. see	<b>B.</b> know	<b>C.</b> consider	<b>D.</b> realise
35.A. late	<b>B.</b> latest	<b>C.</b> latter	<b>D.</b> most