

SECTION 1 LISTENING

Part 1. Listen to the recording and choose the best answer A, B, C or D for the following questions from 1 to 5. You will listen to the recording twice.

1. Where is Arches National Park situated?
A. South of the city of Moab B. Northern desert of Utah
C. Southern desert of Utah D. North of the city of Moab
2. When can people visit Arches National Park?
A. In summer B. In winter C. Any time of year D. On rainy days
3. How can people get to some farther arches?
A. By bike B. By car C. By plane D. By train
4. What is NOT mentioned as necessary things we should bring along with when hiking in Arches National Park ?
A. hiking shoes B. books C. GPS D. detailed map
5. According to the narrator, why should we bring a detailed map along with a compass and/or a GPS when hiking in this park?
A. To discover farther places in the park.
B. To let other people know your position.
C. To know where you are and find the way easily.
D. To find out new places in the park.

Part 2. Listen to the recording and fill in each blank with one suitable word or numbers. You will hear the recording twice. One has been done as an example. (10 pts)

One-Way Ticket to Mars Mission

NASA is looking for people to go to Mars, and never come back. This appealing career is for people who want a permanent change of scenery and planet. It is part of an (6) new project to colonize Mars called the Hundred Years Starship. (7) would travel to the Red Planet and live there forever. NASA says it would be too expensive to bring humans back to Earth. The space agency can afford, however, to send supplies to the (8) pioneers. NASA has started the project with a modest \$ (9), but hopes to attract investment from space-loving billionaires. Google (10) Larry Page told NASA he'd be interested if they could get the cost of a one-way ticket down from \$10 billion to \$2 billion.

The journey to Mars could take just four months. Settling on the planet would be (11), hazardous, especially the freezing temperatures and carbon dioxide atmosphere. Many scientists think (12) space is essential. Stephen Hawking believes we must move to other planets to survive as a (13) He said: "Once we spread out into space and establish independent colonies, our future should be safe." Dirk Schulze-Makuch and Paul Davies call it a "(14) goal" and part of our desire to explore saying: "It would require not only major international cooperation, but a return to the (15) spirit and risk-taking character of the great period of Earth exploration, from Columbus to Amundsen."