READING – LESSON 4

Read the passage.

For many years, space exploration seemed to belong only to powerful governments. Today, private companies and international teams are also taking part in space missions. They launch satellites, design reusable rockets, and study the possibility of living on other planets. These projects raise an important question: should humans spend so much money exploring space when there are many problems on Earth?

Supporters of space exploration say that it brings scientific benefits. Satellites help people predict weather, navigate roads, and communicate across long distances. Space research has also led to new materials and medical technologies. Moreover, studying other planets can help humans understand climate change and protect Earth better.

However, critics argue that space missions are extremely expensive. They believe that governments should spend more money on education, healthcare, and environmental protection. Some people also worry that space activities may create more space junk, which can damage satellites and future missions.

The debate is complex. Space exploration can inspire young people and create useful technology, but it must be planned responsibly. Humans should explore the universe while still solving **urgent** problems on their own planet.

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D1. Multiple choice

1. What is the passage mainly about?

A. The history of rockets

B. Different opinions about space exploration

C. How to become an astronaut

D. Why Earth has no problems

2. Which is **NOT** mentioned as a benefit of satellites?

A. predicting weather

B. navigating roads

C. communicating across distances

D. growing food on Mars

3. Critics think governments should spend more money on:

A. entertainment

B. education, healthcare, and environment

C. space tourism only

D. private companies

4. The word "urgent" is closest in meaning to:

A. needing attention soon

B. impossible

C. very old

D. optional

5. What is the writer's view?

A. Space exploration should stop completely.

B. Earth problems are not important.

C. Space exploration should be responsible.

D. Only governments can explore space.

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D2. Questions

1. Why is space exploration no longer only for governments?

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2. How can studying other planets help Earth?

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3. What is space junk and why is it a problem?

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4. What should humans do according to the last paragraph?

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