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Read this text carefully and tick the correct answers.

THE ISS



The International Space Station (ISS) is a satellite orbiting over 300 km above the Earth. Its construction began in 1998 and the first astronauts arrived there in 2000.

The ISS is a laboratory where gravity is almost* eliminated. Without gravity, the astronauts and scientists can do very important science and medical experiments in biology, physics, astronomy, meteorology, etc.

Astronauts live and work in space and they do the same routines that we do on Earth: they wash their hair, they brush their teeth and they go to the toilet, but in a different way. They use a special shampoo, they have a special hygiene kit (with toothpaste, toothbrush...) and they go to a very special toilet. This toilet works like a vacuum cleaner** that sucks air and waste*** into a tank.

Astronauts eat three meals a day: breakfast, lunch and dinner. They can eat different types of food: cheese, macaroni, spaghetti, fruit, chicken... and they can drink coffee, tea, orange juice or lemonade. All the food comes in special packages. They have an oven but no fridge.

To sleep, astronauts use sleeping bags situated in small cabins for one person. The sleeping bags are fixed to the wall so they will not float away in the middle of a nice dream.

During their free time, astronauts exercise two hours per day. They can also read books, watch films, play music, play cards and talk to their families. They love looking out the window and watching the spectacular and wonderful views.

VOCABULARY:

* almost: gairebé.

** vacuum cleaner: aspiradora.

*** waste: residus.

1. The ISS orbits _____ above the Earth.

- a. very slowly
- b. more than 300 km
- c. for two hours per day

2. Astronauts do _____ experiments in the ISS.

- a. animal
- b. educational
- c. science and medical

3. According to the text, what sentence is TRUE?

Astronauts who live in the ISS...

- a. don't wash their hair.
- b. don't brush their teeth.
- c. use a special toilet.

4. The text says "a vacuum cleaner that sucks air and waste..."

What is the meaning of the word 'sucks'?

- a. To absorb
- b. To make
- c. To clean

5. Astronauts eat _____ a day.

- a. twice*
- b. 3 times
- c. 5 times

6. On the ISS astronauts can...

- a. only eat pasta.
- b. only drink coffee.
- c. eat all types of food.

7. Which sentence is TRUE?

- a. Astronauts eat packed food
- b. Astronauts cook their meals
- c. Astronauts cannot warm up** their meals

8. Astronauts do exercise...

- a. 1 hour per day.
- b. 2 hours per day.
- c. every 2 days.

VOCABULARY:

* twice: dos cops.

9. In their free time astronauts can...

- a. read books.
- b. play golf.
- c. go shopping.

10. From the window of the ISS astronauts can see...

- a. beautiful views.
- b. their families.
- c. a film.

11. Put the sentences as they appear in the text.

A.

What astronauts eat.

B.

What hobbies
astronauts have.

C.

When the first astronauts
arrived in the ISS.

- a. A → C → B
- b. B → A → C
- c. C → A → B

12. The text...

- a. describes astronauts' favourite food.
- b. explains how astronauts live in the ISS.
- c. describes the experiments in a laboratory.

VOCABULARY:

** warm up: escalfar.