E9 – U10 – handout 3

I. Multiple choice

1. Find the word whose underlined part is pronounced differently from the others.
A. satellite B. microgravity C. meteorite D. orbit

2. Choose the word which has a different stress pattern from the others.
A. observatory B. historical C. activity D. parabolic

3. At night the ISS can easily be seen from the earth, as it flies at the _____ of 320 kilometers above us.
A. level B. altitude C. attitude D. height

4. Virgin Galactic is the world's first commercial _____
A. space B. spaceship C. space exploration D. spaceline

5. NASA uses a variety of facilities to _____ microgravity condition.
A. do B. create C. invent D. perform

5. She was _____because she'd won the scholarship.
A. over the moon B. the sky's the limit C. out of this world D. once in a blue moon

6. Teachers provide a model for children to _____.
A.allow B.behave C.change D.imitate

9. He spoke a _____ of French that we found hard to understand.
A.slang B.jargon C.dialect D.language

10._____ I go to the cinema, only when there's a film I really, really want to see.
a. Over the moon b. Out of this world c. Once in a blue moon d. Many moons ago

11. That's the coolest thing I've ever seen. It's really _____.
a. out of this world b. calling it a day c. the sky's the limit d. once in a blue moon

12. A spacewalk occurs _____ an astronaut gets out of a vehicle while in space to do science experiments, or conduct repairs. A.who B.what C.when

II. Read and answer the questions

A. Earth is the third closest planet to the Sun in the Solar System. It's the only planet whose English names, the World or the Earth, don't come from Roman or Greek mythology but from Old English and Germanic.
B. It is also referred to as the Blue Planet, or the Blue Marble because it's the only planet that has water in liquid form on the surface. In fact, seventy-one per cent of Earth's surface is covered with water, which is vital for all known forms of life.
C. Earth is the only planet that is capable of hosting any known form of life. It is home to millions of species of plants and animals, including a global population of humans. Life on Earth is supported and nourished by its biosphere and minerals.
D. Scientists are looking for other planets to accommodate our increasing population. They believe that if humans could trace water on Mars and plant trees, they could increase the amount of oxygen on the planet. That would greatly increase the chance of humans being able to live on it in the future.

1.What are the other names for Earth?

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2.Why is Earth so called?

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3.Where is Earth in the Solar System?

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4.How is Earth different from other known planets?

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5.What is the life on Earth supported by?

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6.What do you think is the biggest difference between Earth and Mars?

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III. Rewrite

1. I had learnt about Pham Tuan before reading articles about him.
→ Before I_____

2.They have sent around 8,378 satellites to space since the launch of Sputnik 1 in 1957.
→ Around 8,378 satellites _____

3. Do you know the reason? Many people around the world learn English for this reason.

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→ Do you know_____

4."I went to the National Air and Space Museum with my friends yesterday," Ann said.

→ Ann said _____

5.Martin can't apply for NASA astronaut training because he is not a U.S. citizen. (conditional sentence type 2)

→ If _____

IV. Complete the sentences

1. Helen Sharman _____ (send) to the Mir space station in May 1991.
2. SpaceX _____ (send) three tourists on a 10-day trip to the ISS sometime in late 2021.
3. While she _____ (work) last week, the astronaut _____ (realize) that she _____ (need) a medium-size suit for spacewalking.
4. The school headmaster promised (offer)_____ a lot of social activities to students.
5. This morning I met my ex-classmate Janet, whom I (not meet)_____ for ages.
6. My new washing machine (make)_____ three years ago.
7. If I didn't have much English homework, I (go)_____ to your party.

V. Word form

1. The first _____ to study the surface of Mars was Galileo Galilei. (astronomy)
2. The sensation of _____ , or zero gravity, happens when the effects of gravity are not felt. (weigh)
3. The astronauts are performing NASA's first routine _____ outside the International Space Station. (maintain)
4. People say that it is _____ in Mars. There are evidences of life on Mars. (habitat)

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