

Part 4

Questions 16–20

Five sentences have been removed from the text below.

For each question, choose the correct answer.

There are three extra sentences which you do not need to use.

A day in the life of an astronaut

Italian astronaut Samantha Cristoforetti talks about daily life on the International Space Station (ISS).

For the last few months, my home has been the International Space Station, orbiting 400 km above the surface of the earth, at 25,000 km per hour. We took off in a Russian Soyuz spaceship from Kazakhstan, and the flight to the Space Station took six hours.

16 I felt incredibly excited.

There are two Americans, three Russians, and me. 17 Fortunately, we all get on well. The day starts for everyone at 7 a.m. There's no gravity up here, so every morning I float through the cabin to attend our daily planning conference, or DPC. 18 It usually lasts a few minutes. After it's finished, we speak to space centres around the world, including Houston (USA), Munich (Germany) and Tsukuba (Japan).

Then we have breakfast: oatmeal, eggs and coffee. In the past, astronauts had to suck food out of tubes. Nowadays, astronauts' food is served in special individual boxes with covers. 19 Life has become much easier for astronauts over the years.

Our dinner is at around 7.30 p.m. My meals were prepared by an Italian chef on Earth before I left, and they're delicious. However, I do exchange a lot of food with my three colleagues from Russia.

20 Their lentil and vegetable soup is also really good. Of course I miss fresh food, but a cargo spaceship comes once a month with fresh fruit. When I get back down to Earth, I know I'll miss this place.

- A** I'm the only woman in this group.
- B** That was a very long time to live in space.
- C** People often ask what food tastes like in space.
- D** This stops everything floating away while we eat!
- E** On the other hand, the ISS is a perfect environment to do scientific experiments.
- F** That's the meeting where we discuss what needs to be done during the day.
- G** They like my desserts, and they have a dark bread that I love.
- H** I'll never forget looking through the window and seeing it for the first time.