



## GRADE 9 – TEST FOR UNIT 8.5

### IX. Choose the correct answers to complete the passage.

#### SPACE TOURISM

Make your reservations now. The space tourism industry is (1) \_\_\_\_\_ open for business, and tickets are going for a mere \$20 million for a one-week stay in space. Despite (2) \_\_\_\_\_ from NASA, Russia made American businessman Dennis Tito the world's first space tourist. Tito flew into space aboard a Russian Soyuz (3) \_\_\_\_\_ that arrived at the International Space Station (ISS) on April 30, 2001. The second space tourist, South African businessman Mark Shuttleworth, took (4) \_\_\_\_\_ aboard the Russian Soyuz on April 25, 2002, also (5) \_\_\_\_\_ for the ISS. Greg Olsen, an American businessman, became tourist number three to the ISS on October 1, 2005.

On September 18, 2006, Anousheh Ansari, a telecommunications entrepreneur, became the first female space tourist and the fourth space tourist (6) \_\_\_\_\_. She was also the first person of Iranian descent to make (7) \_\_\_\_\_ into space. Charles Simonyi, a software architect, became the fifth space tourist on April 7, 2007.

These trips are the beginning of (8) \_\_\_\_\_ could be a lucrative 21st century industry. There are already several space tourism companies planning to build suborbital vehicles and orbital cities within the next two



decades. These companies have (9) \_\_\_\_\_ millions, believing that the space tourism industry is on the (10) \_\_\_\_\_ of taking off.

(From How Space Tourism Works, [www.howstuffworks.com](http://www.howstuffworks.com))

1. a. immediately b. officially c. formally d. definitely
2. a. acceptance b. reluctance c. insistence d. decision
3. a. launcher b. satellite c. rocket d. missile
4. a. in b. on c. over d. off
5. a. head b. make c. direct d. bound
6. a. thoroughly b. overall c. general d. together
7. a. it b. her c. way d. sense
8. a. when b. what c. which d. how
9. a. invented b. raised c. invested d. paid
10. a. verge b. border c. line d. strip