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

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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)

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

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