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VII. Read the passage, and choose the correct answer A, B, C or D for each question.

A Mission to Mars

Have you ever had a dream about traveling to another planet in our solar system? If you have, there is an actual programme that is happening right now, and it hopes to send people to Mars in 2023. Known as the Mars One Mission, it will send a crew of four people on a one-way mission to colonize Mars. Those chosen people will have to be ready to say good-bye to the earth forever, as there will not be a return trip.

For the people chosen, they will have to learn to do many different things. First of all, they will be living the rest of their lives with just a handful of other people, so they all must have personalities that allow them to get along. Second, the living quarters that they will have won't be very spacious, so they will have to deal with that condition as well. If they feel homesick, they will only be able to communicate with people back on the earth via e-mail and videos and audio sent back and forth. However, there won't be any real-time communication. Even at the speed of light, communication between the earth and Mars takes about 20 minutes.

Whether the Mars One Mission will actually happen is the big question that a lot of people are asking. There is an enormous skepticism in the science community, and *Wired* magazine gave the mission a miserable score of two out of ten on its probability scale. However, for those who dream to go to Mars, at least they can say there is a possibility that it could happen.

36. What will NOT happen to the people who go on the Mars One Mission?

A. They will live in quarters that don't have a lot of space inside.

B. They will return to the earth

C. They will communicate with people on the earth.

D. They will have to live with other people.

37. Which of the following is considered miserable?

A. A personality of people taking part in the programme

B. A mission of astronauts to the ISS

C. A crew on board of the Mars One Mission

D. A score of the programme on the probability scale

38. How long will it take for a message to come back from Mars?

A. Almost immediately **B.** About an hour

C. Around 20 minutes **D.** Only a few seconds

39. What will NOT be spacious?

A. The mission **B.** The living quarters

C. The spaceship **D.** The magazines

40. Who might like to go on this mission?

A. People with angry personalities **B.** People who don't like to communicate

C. People who get along with others **D.** People who get homesick easily

VIII. Complete the conversation about spacewalks, using the responses (A-G) given. There are two extra ones.

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A. They keep the wearers at the right temperature, enable them to breathe, and protect them from harmful radiation.

B. They walk in space and fly around the Earth at the same time.

C. It has needed about 1,000 hours of spacewalks to build and maintain the International Space Station since 1998.

D. They are connected to the Station by thin cords.

E. They are used to install new equipment and experiments, and to carry out repairs.

F. The suits have separate gloves and helmets.

G. They have to wear protective suits when they enter the space.

Nick: I've watched a TV programme about space last night, and I admired the astronauts performing spacewalks. How important are they?

Mr. Tan: Well, spacewalks are an essential part of working in space. (41) _____

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Nick: I see. How about the ISS? I think it has needed a lot of spacewalks.

Mr. Tan: You're right. (42) _____

Nick: I saw them wear spacesuits during the walks.

Mr. Tan: (43) _____

Nick: How can they protect the astronauts?

Mr. Tan: These suits have many different layers. (44) _____

Nick: How can astronauts come back to the station, Mr. Tan?

Mr. Tan: (45) _____

And they are often carried from place to place on the end of a robotic arm.

Nick: Who keeps the record of spacewalks, sir?

Mr. Tan: The record is held by Susan Helms and James Voss. They spent nearly 9 hours in space in March 2001.

IX. Unscramble the following sentences to form an advertisement.

Blue Jeans Perfect for Your Holiday

46. well-designed/fashionable/ and/ these jeans/ are really/.

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47. very comfortable/ they are made/ you are on holiday/ so they are/ of denim/ perfect when/.

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48. very/ is/ too/ reasonable/ the price/.

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49. definitely worth/I think/ the money/ they were.

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50. highly recommended/ for people/ are/ of all ages/ these jeans/.

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