

**Read the text again. For questions 1-5 choose the correct answer A, B, C or D.**



#### Ukraine's biggest 'Dream'

The Antonov AN-225 cargo lifter is truly one of a kind. The AN-225 Mriia ('Dream' in Ukrainian) made its first flight on 21st December 1988, **taking off** from the factory aerodrome in Sviatoshyn. Originally built to carry a space shuttle, the **aircraft** is now operated by Ukrainian-based Antonov Airlines for charter cargo flights. Mriia can take extra-heavy **cargo** to any point on the globe.

Few people have ever seen the plane because it is so unique. Fewer have seen it on the ground. Even fewer have had the chance to see the inside. But, the lucky people present at ILA Berlin (Innovation and Leadership in Aerospace) got the chance to **explore** the one-of-a-kind cargo transporter in detail.



First, let's talk about the outside. The aircraft stretches 88.4 metres from wingtip to wingtip and 84 metres from nose to tail. It can carry an unbelievable 250 tonnes of weight. The plane has 32 wheels for landing, so it is not a surprise that there are always spare wheels on board.

If you hope to enjoy great views while flying, you might be a bit disappointed. It's not intended for passengers, so there aren't many windows on the cargo bay. There are only four strategically placed windows to allow visual inspection of the wings and engines during a flight. This plane was designed for transportation, so you will need to climb a ladder to get into the cockpit if you decide to check the wings or engines. While it's an incredibly impressive machine, the cockpit isn't exactly modern. Six crew members are required to operate the aircraft: two pilots and four engineers. However, the total crew number is actually around 19-20 people. There is a special rest zone for the crew, but it isn't exactly like a business-class trip.

Soon the AN-225 might not be the only one of its kind. Not many people know that two AN-225 airplanes were built. But just one aircraft was completed. In 2016 China signed a deal with Antonov to restart the construction of the second Mriia. So who knows, there might soon be two aircraft like that flying all around the globe.

1 What does the AN-225 carry now?

- A space shuttles
- B any goods
- C factory products
- D aircraft

2. How much weight can the plane carry?

- A 250 kg
- B 88.4 kg
- C 32 tonnes
- D 250,000 kg

3 What is the function of the windows on the AN-225 plane?

- A to enjoy the great views
- B to inspect the passengers
- C to check the wings
- D to get into the cockpit

4 How many people are needed to fly the plane?

- A 2
- B 4
- C 6
- D 20

5 How many AN-225 are flying in the world now?

- A 1
- B 2.
- C 2016
- D None

**Check the meaning of the underlined words in the text. Then complete the sentences with the correct form of the words.**



1 A c ship only transports goods, not passengers.

ship only transports goods,

2 Don't worry, you won't be late. This plane always t on time.



3 Airplanes, helicopters, balloons - they are all the same to me, I hate travelling by any kind of a



4 This has been the best holiday ever. Every day we went for a long walk to e a different part of the city.



5 I don't know how you got 12 for the test. It is u

6. I always take a **s** shirt when I go on a business trip. Accidents happen, you know.



7. The company **i** telephones this year.

to sell 1,000,000



8 This container is too big. It won't fit into the **c**



9 The **c** is really small, there is only space for one pilot.



10 The captain instructed the **c** to start the evacuation.