

THE TEXT:

When Mike Kelly first set out to build his own private space-ferry service, he figures his bread-and-butter business would be propelling high-earth orbit. **Now he thinks he may have figured wrong.** “People were always asking me when they could go,” says Kelly, who runs Kelly Space & Technology, “I realized the real market is in space tourism.”

According to preliminary market surveys, there are 10,000 would-be space tourists willing to spend \$1 million **each** to visit the final frontier .Space Adventures in Arlington has taken more than 130 deposits for a two-hour, \$98,000 space tour tentatively set to occur by 2005. This may sound great, but there are a few **hurdles**. Putting a simple orbit-with no oxygen, life support or return trip necessary- already costs an astronomical \$22,00/kg. And that doesn’t include the cost of insuring rich and possibly litigious passengers. The entire group of entrepreneurs trying to **corner** the space-tourism market have between **them** “just enough money to blow up one rocket.”

The U.S. space agency has plenty of money but zero interest in making space less expensive for the little guys. So the little guys are racing to do what the government has failed **to do**: design a reusable launch system that’s inexpensive, safe and reliable. Kelly Space’s prototype looks like a plane that has sprouted rocket engines. Rotary Rocket in California has a booster with rotors to make a helicopter-style return to Earth. The first passenger countdowns are still years away, but bureaucrats at the Federal Aviation Administration in Washington are already informally discussing flight regulations. **After all, you can’t be too prepared for a trip to that galaxy far, far away.**

I-COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS: (15 mks)

1-Tick (✓) the best title for the passage?(1mk)

- A) Take Vacations in Space ☐
- B) Building Hotels in Space ☐
- C) Flight regulations in Space Travels ☐

2-Complete with words from § 1+2(each blank for one word) (3mks)

Space tourism nowadays is a private Although the is still high, the number of touriststo go to the outer space is increasing.

3- The phrase “bread-and-butter business” most probably means: (1mk)

- A) a business to sell bread and butter ☐
B) a business to produce bread and butter ☐
C) the business to make a living ☐

4- How much does the 2-hour space tour cost according to Space Adventures in Arlington? (1mk)

* ☐ * \$98,000. ☐ * \$ 10,000. ☐

5- Which of the following statements is true according to the passage? Find a justification from the text.(2 mks)

- ☐
B) The entrepreneurs trying to explore the space- tourism have plenty of moneys. ☐
C) The first passenger countdowns are within a few years. ☐

Justification :

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6- Tick (✓) the nearest explanation: (2mks)

A) “there are a few **hurdles**.” In §2 Hurdles means:

☐ ☐ ☐

B) “to **corner** the space-tourism market” In §2 “corner” means

*to get ☐ *to push someone into a corner ☐ * ☐

7- What do the bold underlined words refer to:3

each (§2) refers to

them (§2) refers to

to do (§3) refers to

8- What's the author's tone in the last sentence of the passage?(1 mpk)

“After all, you can't be too prepared for a trip to that galaxy far, far away.”

A) Approving. B) Ironical. ☐ C) Enthusiastic. ☐

9-The writer says at the beginning of the text : “Now he thinks he may have figured wrong.” (§1) (2mks)

What was wrong ?

Why?.....

II- LANGUAGE: (10 mks)

1-Fill in the blanks with words from the list. There are two extra words: (3mks)

accommodation/ flight /include/ off/ spaceport/ space ship/ spectacular/ weightlessness / whose/ who's

The space tourists will fly at three times the speed of sound, they'll experience six minutes of..... and they'll be able to look down on Earth. 'Every passenger will have a.....view; they will have large windows and luxurious seats,' says Virgin boss Sir Richard Branson,going to travel on the first..... with members of his family. And the holiday will pre-flight training and six days' luxury..... at the Virgin Galactic space camp. Initially, the spaceships will take from the Mojave Desert near Los Angeles, but later there'll be a in New Mexico.

2-Choose the right alternative: (3mks)

Michael Jackson is considered one of entertainment's greatest icons -- the self proclaimed “King of Pop”(which / who / whose)amazing dance moves and sensual(high-pitch / high-pitched / higher-pitch)voice influenced generations of musicians. He always wanted to be the(good / better / best) and was willing to work as hard as it took to be that.The spotlight began to dim when he (was entering / entered / was entered) his late teens. But that changed when he collaborated with legendary(musical /music / musician)and record producer Quincy Jones on albums including Thriller, (releasing / to release / released) in 1982. It is still the world's best selling disc.

3-Put the bracketed words / verbs in the right form/tense: (3mks)

For 13-year-old Anwar, music is a key to escape from the misery of the Jenin Refugee Camp where she has lived all of her life. She remembers how, at the age of six, Israeli soldiers came to her house. “When they took us out of the house, they forced us to sit in front of the house, and brought the tanks up to our faces. We were very **(fright)**..... . We were screaming with fear. I was very young,” she said. “Making quietness, making **(happy)** , making smiles. This is what music **(do)** with a person,” she said. “When a child plays music, he becomes beautiful. He becomes lovely, with a big heart.” She started a music school and has dedicated her life to **(give)** hope and joy to Palestinian children through music, **(direct)** them away from a culture of **(die)**

WRITING :

Guided writing: (5mks)

You are spending your holiday abroad. Here's a quick guide to writing a postcard. Choose any one of the hints to complete your sentences. Bear in mind the use of the tenses (present and present continuous). Add what is missing and keep the same order.

- *Hi (name of friend / neighbour / colleague)**
- *we/ have / great / wonderful / fantastic / fabulous/ time /here /in (name of the place)**
- *weather/ hot / sunny / perfect and /we/ spend / our days/ on / beach / sightseeing / relaxing / exploring the local area.**
- *food / interesting / spicy / pretty good / and / other people/ here / (nationality), friendly / unfriendly / great.**
- *see/ you/ soon (day you get back)**
- *love (your name)**

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Free writing: (10mks)

You went on holiday .Everything was well. But the last few days nothing went as you wished. Write a 10 to 12 line- report to tell us why and how the holidays turned out to be a nightmare.(a horrible dream).

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