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SECTION ONE: READING COMPREHENSION

(8 points)

Read the passage carefully then answer the questions.

The Space Race

- 1 Almost everyday we see something in the paper or on our TV screens about the latest exciting development in the space race. Photographs are regularly flashed to the earth from millions of miles away. They are seen as a visible proof of man's new achievements and successes.
- 2 We are often told that such achievements will be utilised to make life better on earth. But what has the space race done to relieve the suffering of the earth's starving millions?
- 3 The space race is just an extension of the race for power on earth. Only the wealthiest nations can compete and they do so in the name of pure scientific research. But in reality, all they are interested in is power and prestige.
- 4 Poverty, hunger, disease and war are man's greatest enemies and the world would be infinitely better if the powerful nations devoted half as much money and efforts to these problems as they do to the space race. For the first time in history, man has the overwhelming technological resources to combat human suffering, yet he spends them on meaningless pursuits.
- 5 If a man deprived himself and his family of food in order to buy a car, we would consider him mad. Individuals with limited budgets usually get their priorities right: they provide themselves with necessities before trying to obtain luxuries. Why can't great nations act in the same sensible way? Let us put our house in order first and let the space look after itself!

Answer the following questions according to the text.

1. In which paragraph are the human problems listed? What are they?
2. What are the wealthiest nations interested in?
3. Who does the writer refer to when he uses "we ... us ... our" in the text?
4. Is the writer for or against space race? List words and phrases from the text to justify your answer.

SECTION TWO: MASTERY OF LANGUAGE**(8 points)**

Synonyms: Find in the text words or phrases closest in meaning to the following.

(a) used (§2)

(b) richest (§3)

Opposites: Find in the text words or phrases opposite in meaning to the following.

(a) friends (§4)

(b) wrong (§5)

Transformations: Complete sentence (b) so that it means the same as sentence (a).

1. (a) Everyday we see something new in the papers.
(b) Something
2. (a) Would you consider him mad?
(b) Would he
3. (a) "What time is it?" she asked me.
(b) She wanted to know
4. (a) The boy said, "I've never seen a lion."
(b) The boy said that

Jumbled Sentences: Reorder the following sentences to make a coherent paragraph. One sentence is irrelevant and must be left out.

- (a) huge amounts of money were used.
- (b) The science of space is useful.
- (c) Is this not a waste of time and money?
- (d) Just to examine dust and stones from the planet,
- (e) In the end they were put in some museums.

SECTION THREE: WRITTEN EXPRESSION**(4 points)**

Choose one of the following topics.

Either 1: Using the following notes, write a composition of about 80 to 120 words.

Television has advantages:

- entertains: sports, games, songs ...
- educates: religion, scientific documentaries ...
- informs: news, events, new discoveries ...

Television has disadvantages:

- bad influence on children
- addiction
- waste of time
- cut off from real world

What conclusions can you draw?

Or 2: Write a composition of about 80 to 120 words on the following topic.

What do you think of space research? Give examples to support your answer.