

a bunch of activities pre- mid test 1

holidaying

Read the paragraph and fill in the blanks with suitable words from the box. Be careful there are 2 extra words.

locations / spaceflights / monotonous / suborbital / spaceport / shuttles / given / excited / include / departure

The age of space tourism came a step closer yesterday with the announcement of plans to build the world's first spaceport. The company Space Adventures Ltd. announced in a press release its plans to develop a commercial.....in the United Arab Emirates. This will be the first of many..... Other possible sites for spaceports.....Singapore and various secret locations in North America. The initial point of.....for a holiday in the heavens looks like being the city of Ras-Al-Khaimah, an hour by car from Dubai. [...] Space Adventures Ltd. and a team of UAE financiers will provide the funds. The UAE's civil aviation authorities have already.....their green light for.....to operate in their airspace. Crown Prince Sheikh Saud Bin Saqr Al Qasimi of Ras Al-Khaimah expressed pride in his city hosting "the site where.....commercial space travel will begin and flourish". He added: "We are most.....about spearheading this multi-billion dollar industry."

Read the paragraph carefully and put the bracketed words or verbs in the correct form or tense. (4 mks)

A new report reveals that going on summer holiday may be more stressful than working. [...] It found forty per cent of managers do not come back from a holiday feeling **[relax]**..... A worrying finding was that many **[worker]**came back from a holiday **[much]**.....stressed than when they **[leave]**..... Many in lower- and upper-management positions actually work while they **[to be]**.....on vacation. The researchers discovered that 80 per cent of those surveyed answer work-related e-mails, around

50 per cent make and take business-related phone calls and 10 per cent go into the office. Over 90 per cent of managers worried about **[reply]**..... to hundreds of e-mails. Information technology and the weakened **[globe]**.....economy are the main causes of managers being **[not able]**.....to de-stress while on holiday.

Circle the correct option to make the paragraph meaningful. (4 mks)

A beauty contest with a difference opened in the United Arab Emirates on April 2nd. The Abu Dhabi Camel Festival, **[where / which / when]** will be **[hold / holding / held]** until April 10th, will see 10,000 camels trying to look their most beautiful. There is almost \$10 million on offer in prize money as well as 100 cars for the lucky winners. The event is the **[big / bigger / biggest]** camel festival **[in / on / at]** the Arabian Gulf region. Camel **[own / owner / owners]** will bring their animals from Saudi Arabia, Qatar, Bahrain, Oman **[or / and / but also]** Kuwait to compete for the prizes. The camels are put into different categories, depending on their age and type. All camels must be pedigree - from a pure-bred origin. They must also **[be / being / been]** free from any **[breathtaking / contagious / spectacular]** diseases or physical defects.

Supply the correct form or tense of the bracketed words (4 marks)

For a growing number of thrill-seeking travelers, the deep void of outer space is among the most appealing destinations imaginable. Soon, **(good)**.....-heeled adventurers will be able to experience weightlessness and even gaze down at the Earth from far above. For \$75,000 per passenger, the American firm World View will offer a trip into the stratosphere at altitudes of over 30 km above Earth. Passengers will take their seat in a capsule attached to a helium balloon. At this altitude, just a little **(close)**..... to the stars than before, travelers will remain within the Earth's atmosphere, but during a tour-hour trip, they will be able to admire the curve of the planet's surface and the blackness of outer space. The capsule **(release)**..... from the balloon, and a parachute will ensure a safe landing. According to World View, the first **(fly)**..... will take place in around three years' time. Over the past few years, a few companies **(invest)**..... millions in researching and developing technologies for space tourism, with the goal

of launching (**commerce**)..... trips into space. This trend was started by Richard Branson, (**found**)..... of Virgin Galactic company. A total of 350 people, (**include**)..... Leonardo DiCaprio and a number of other celebrities, have already reserved a seat on a future voyage on the SpaceShip Two.

Circle the correct alternative

Avatar is a 2009 American epic science fiction film which is set in the mid-22nd century. The Oscar - (**nominate / nominated / nominating**) film that took movie technology to the next level, is now coming to the Science Centre's IMAX Theatre in 3D. The movie (**by / from / to**) Canadian director James Cameron will be (**staged / advertised / screened**) at the Science Centre next January. Sandra Baumgartner from the Science Centre says there was a lot of debate about having *Avatar* come to the IMAX. "When we (**were looking / look / are looking**) at film selections and talking to our (**listeners / viewers/ crew**), they all agreed that technology rather than the movie was (**which / what / who**) all people really wanted to see". Watching *Avatar*, you're hard pressed to imagine actors pretending to be part of a fantasy universe while (**perform / performance / performing**) on a green-screen stage. It's been seven years since 2009's *Avatar* (**taken /took /has taken**) the industry by storm, becoming the most successful movie of all time but Cameron announced that there are four sequels scheduled for release starting in December 2018 with *Avatar 2*.

Fill in the blanks with words from the list . there are two extra words (4 marks)

honeymoon /within / wait/ in / greeted / exactly / guided / turquoise / on / fame

Jewel of the South Seas and undoubtedly the most celebrated island in the South Pacific, Bora Bora is French Polynesia's leading lady. Her beauty is unrivaled and her....., unwavering. Bora Bora is one of the few places.....earth that everyone hopes to witness in their lifetime. More than just a romantic ideal, Bora Bora is a romantic reality. It comes as no surprise that the island is an internationally acclaimed.....destination. Bora Bora may feel worlds away, but this South Seas splendor is wellreach. Where is Bora Bora,?

The island lies just northwest of Tahiti, less than an hour away by plane from Papeete, the capital. Upon arrival, you will be..... with a warm smile and fragrant flower lei and transferred by boat to your Bora Bora resort, meaning you hardly have to..... for your first encounter with the island's famously translucent lagoon. The inevitable love affair with this island begins right before you touch down. Once seen, Bora Bora is never forgotten. You will be in awe of how its soaring mountain peaks,..... lagoon and luxuriant overwater bungalows somehow look even more spectacular than the pictures.

-Put the bracketed words in the correct tense or form: (4 marks)

The Dees travel the world on a budget, with no end in sight—"like summer vacation forever," as Ms. Dee put it. Their adventure began in 2006, when, after **(sell)**..... their house in Santa Cruz, Calif., they **(embraced)**..... a nomadic lifestyle that has so far taken them to 32 countries on four continents, a **(a journey of 175,000 miles)** "most of it by land," Ms. Dee said. "Some people may **(think)** it's a nightmare," she said, "but we do it for the bonding, the shared experience. they've achieved their dream on roughly \$ 25,000 a year — living off savings and investments, with cash stored in multiple currencies via Everbank.com — just makes their endeavour the **(impressive)** of all . Ms. Dee recently said " I **(influence)**..... by some people that retired early and that sort opened my eyes. There's a Web site called Families on the Road, and they do a lot of **(interest)**..... stuff with libraries. I got a lot of **(information)** from them on how it works.

Fill in the blanks with the right words in the list below. There are two extra words (4marks)

meanwhile- spectacular -crowds- contests -destination -admission - despite - -along- party-adept

This year's Notting Hill carnival; Europe's biggest street festival is being hailed as the best ever.the cloudy skies; the carnival brought the street to..... in its own unique way. More than 3000 people dressed in colourful costumes and paraded and dancedthe streets. No fees are required all people can attend it; residents partied on apartment balconies and even the police got into the act .The carnival's attendees can go home with gifts won in that are the milestone of the event.

Performers came from all over the world ;each of them was in his/her show and no show resembled to the other.Apart from the carnival; the local area was filled with sound systems pumping out music of all different kinds-Samba;Soca;Reggae and Rap music being the most common.

Put the words between brackets in the right tense/form (4marks)

Work towards realizing space tourism moved forward a great deal in the last few years.Up **(until -unless -down)**the end of 2000;only a few research papers **(publish -were published -have been published)** on the subject;and largely ignored. There are now an **(increasing -increased - increase)** number of commercial enterprises starting up in **(the edge -the shuttle - the field)**. Even before the Ansari X prize was won;space tourism had begun **(achievement -achieved -achieving)** a much greater impact in the public and is now **(frequency -frequently -frequent)** considered by printed and broadcast media. Entire conferences have been dedicated to this new **(emerging- forging-inspiring)**business; an idea that was **(unthinkable-non thinkable-inthinkable)** as little as five years ago.

Fill in the blanks with 8 words from the list. (4 marks)

If you're in need of a relaxing holiday, try the warm and wonderful Mediterranean country of Croatia. Perfect for romantic trips for two or a full-on family summer holiday, this picturesque holiday has plenty to offer its visitors. Take in the scenery with crystal clear waters, hidden coves and hillside greenery. Croatia has several UNESCO listed treasures its cities, which means there are plenty of places to visit on your holidays. If you're interested in the main cities of the country book a holiday in Dubrovnik, Zagreb or Split. Coastal resorts that are suited to a beach break include: Bol and The Makarska Riveria .Looking for an affordable holiday to Croatia with flexible from a brand you can trust? Easy Jet holidays can help. With low flights and affordable accommodation you will even get further reductions you book both at the same time.

Put the bracketed words in the right tense or form. (4 marks)

Until now Space Tourism means very very rich people paying very large sums of money to ride Russian rockets on relatively short trips to the International SpaceStation (ISS). The last man to take such a voyage **(be)** Guy Laliberté, Canadian founder of Cirque de Soleil, in September 2009. Space Adventures, the firm that ran this service, has not **(launch)**..... a customer since then.Space Tourism, both orbital and suborbital, is an important part of the **(emerge)**..... "New Space" industry. This branch of the aerospace industry can **(good)** be described as entrepreneurial, and willing to innovate in ways the bigger and older aerospace firms find difficult.More a hundred years ago, **(wealth)** moguls of the Glided Age, including John D. Rockefeller and Andrew Carnegie, **(spend)**..... their money on universities and libraries, but many of today's moguls **(support)** technologies that will **(eventual)**..... propel humanity into the solar system.

Circle the right option.(4 marks)

For me, art is a form of meditation. Nothing carries you away and clears your mind **(likely – like – unlike)** visiting art galleries. I think it's best to visit galleries either by **(yourself – you – yourselves)** or with an artist friend. When I'm alone and looking **(for – after – at)** art in galleries, I get essay ideas or even come up with solutions for issues in my life. For the **(most – more _ much)** part, it's really a time to be in communion with **(creativity – creative – creation)**. I've visited galleries with artist friends like Deborah Bigeleisen, Wolfgang Stiller, James Kennedy, Matthew Beall, David Greg Harth, Scott Andrew Spencer and others. There's nothing like it. It's like getting a quiet education. Artists **(saw – see – have seen)** things that art historians and other art professionals simply won't see. You get inside the process of art making **(where – what – when)** you visit galleries with artists. It is meditative and fun. Art galleries often restore this great sense of calm and wholeness. Work-pressured art dealers probably **(won't – want – went)** feel this way, but you will.

Fill in the blanks with words from the box (4marks). There are two extra words

Loving/ float /orbital /aboard /space /tremendously /time/ launches /lover/ economically

While it's true that money can't buy you happiness, it can certainly buy you a ticket to the International Space Station. Just ask multimillionaire Dennis Tito, who became the first space tourist in 2001, or Cirque du Soleil owner Guy Laliberté, who became the first clown in space in 2009. If you have the cash, then the Russian Federal Space Agency has the But what about those of us who aren't adventure-..... business tycoons? Will space tourism ever be a reality for the rest of us? For Companies such as Richard Branson's Virgin Group the answer is "yes." In fact, for a mere \$20,000 deposit on a \$200,000 ticket, you can go ahead and reserve a seat Branson's Virgin Galactic Spaceship Two, scheduled to become the first commercial spacecraft when it in the next few years. Each flight will take six passengers on a two-and-a-half-hour jaunt into suborbital space. Once there, passengers will get to free from their seats and gaze out at a view that Virgin Galactic CEO George describes as "a transformative experience." Continents, oceans and storm systems will stretch silently below while the void ofspans overhead. Still, companies such as Canada's Space Island Group and even Hilton Hotels have eyed the long-term goal of establishing accommodations for tomorrow's space tourists. For that goal to become a reality, however, spaceflight technologies will have to both improve and become more economically feasible.

. Put words in the right form or tense (4marks)

Holidays matter. They are our lifeline to sanity, a chance to step away from everyday life and reconnect with the people we love; a time to relax, to be the real us. Yet today in the UK at least 1.46 million families can't afford a single day out together, let alone a holiday night away from home. That's why the Family Holiday Association exists. It is the only national charity dedicated to **(help.....)** struggling families enjoy precious time together. Many are dealing with severe illness or bereavement, poverty, disability poor **(mentality.....)** health or abuse. The Family Holiday Association **(to found.....)** 40 years ago by Pat and Joan Laurance, who were **(no-employed.....)** with a young, ill child, living in a single room and grieving for a dead baby daughter. A friend offered them a two – **(week.....)** break in a flat in return for cat-sitting. And guess what? After a few days of bracing fun they came home rejuvenated with a newfound **(strong.....)** to face whatever life might throw at them. The Laurances determined that other struggling families should also reap the benefits of a simple holiday and the charity was born. Since then more than 120,000 parents and children **(to be.....)** able to enjoy a break.

(Hopeful.....) another 3,000 families will be helped this year. Research by the charity shows how a simple break can not only help build families' relationships with each other but also improve children's learning and behaviour in school. All that and a beach bucket full of hope and happiness.

. Circle the right option.(4marks)

– Virgin Galactic rolled out a new version of its Spaceship Two space tourism rocket Friday as it prepares to return to flight testing for the first time since a 2014 accident **(has destroyed/destroyed/was destroying)** the original craft, killing a pilot and setting back the **(emerging/talented/dropping)** industry. A Land Rover with Virgin Galactic founder Richard Branson standing through the sunroof pulled the ship in front of an audience inside a hangar at Southern California's Mojave Air and Space Port, where it **(was assembled/is assembled/assembled)**. Branson's 1-year-old granddaughter, Eva-Deia, helped by her mother, christened the craft by breaking a little bottle of milk over its nose. The ship, the size of a small corporate jet, was named Virgin Spaceship Unity at the suggestion of theoretical physicist Stephen Hawking, **(whom/whose /what)** Branson promised a free ride **(within/out/into)** space. It is designed to be flown by a crew of two and carry up to six passengers on a high-speed suborbital flight to the fringes of space. At an altitude above 62 miles, passengers will experience a few minutes of weightlessness and see the Earth below. "When we had the accident, for about 24 hours we were wondering whether it was worth **(to continue /continue/continuing)**, whether we should call it a day," Branson told the AP. He said engineers, astronauts and members of the public helped convince him that space travel is **(enough/either too)** important to give up on. He still plans to be on its first commercial **(spaceport/spaceflight /space tourist)**.