

After months of training with astronauts as backup for Japanese businessman Daisuke Enomoto, who was supposed to be the world's fourth "space tourist," Anousheh Ansari was called to take his spot aboard Soyuz TMA-9 capsule after being disqualified from flying due to a health concern. Though unaffiliated with any space agency, Ansari officially became the first woman to fly to space in September of 2006. But Ansari's journey to space began long before that launch.

When she was a young girl, Ansari drew a picture of a rocket ship and told everyone that one day, she would board a rocket just like it and fly into space, because she was not only a girl but also living in a country that didn't even have a space program — the Iranian Space Agency wasn't established until 2004 — no one truly believed she'd do it. So she set out to prove them wrong, and that's exactly what she did. Two years before she rocketed to space, Ansari and her family — who own and operate tech company Prodea Systems — awarded \$10 million to the first winner of the Ansari X Prize for successfully sending an individual spacecraft into suborbital space twice within five days. Ansari would have given anything to have been in that rocket as it left Earth's bounds.

Two years later, she was climbing aboard the International Space Station alongside Russian cosmonaut Mikhail Tyurin and NASA astronaut Michael Lopez-Alegria. "The experience really helps you see the world differently, and you re-prioritize what is important to you," Ansari told Space.com. "Your relationship with everyone and everything around you changes, and you have less stress over mundane things."

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(Adapted)

## I- COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (12 marks) :

1) Fill in the table with information from the text (2 marks) :

The Space Tourist	Nationality	Achievement
Anousheh Ansari	.....	.....

2) For of the following statements, pick out one detail from the text showing that it is false (4 marks) :

- a- The Japanese businessman was recognized as the fourth space tourist worldwide.  
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- b- Daisuke Enomoto was forbidden to fly into space because he had no qualifications.  
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- c- Anousheh Ansari was a member in a well-known space agency.  
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- d- Anousheh Ansari was awarded \$ 10 million as the first winner of the Ansari X Prize.  
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3) Tick the appropriate explanation for the following sentence (1 mark) :

“You re-prioritize what is important to you”

- a- you give less importance to things.
- b- pay special attention to things
- c- rearrange things in order of importance.

4) What do the underlined words refer to in the text (2 marks) :

- a- His (pg 1) refers to : .....
- b- It (pg 2) refers to : .....

5) Find words / expressions in the text meaning nearly the same as (2 marks) :

- a- substitute (pg 1) : .....
- b- monotonous / ordinary (pg 3) : .....

6) Give a personal and justified answer to the following question (1 mark) :

If you were given the opportunity to travel into space, would you board a rocket and fly to space?  
Why or Why not? If I were given the opportunity to travel into space, I would / I wouldn't  
..... because .....

## II- LANGUAGE (6 marks) :

### 1) Put the words between parentheses in the right Tense and / or Form (3 marks) :

With the rise of the internet and the easy access that most Americans have to computers, smartphones, tablets and Wi-Fi networks, exploring the offerings of the World Wide Web has never been easier. As expected, this new technology has made **(signify)** ..... developments possible in the field of education. Online education can be a **(confuse)** ..... term. For many people, the expression "online education" is suspicious, implying a questionable degree from a likely non-credible university. However, online education **(go)** ..... through important developments since the advent of the internet. Today, the term "online education" can be understood as any educational undertaking that primarily **(utilize)** ..... the internet to deliver coursework, assessments and assignments from teacher to student. The term "online education" refers to any sort of **(educate)** ....., pedagogical practice that uses the internet as a means of transferring information, but this can be done in many ways. For example, a teacher may choose to hold an online class, and the students will log on with their personal computers at a given time. In this way, the class **(be)** ..... conducted the same way it will be in a classroom.

### 2) Fill in the blanks with 6 words from the following box (3 marks) :

attendees – by – celebration – Found – between – Held – performances – around

FES FESTIVAL OF WORLD SACRED MUSIC , originally launched in 1994 in Fes with King Mohammed VI as its royal patron. This world music festival is a ..... of the ancient Moroccan city's rich traditions in the arts, knowledge, and spirituality. .... in June, the event has grown considerably over the last 24 years, annually attracting more than 100,000 ..... . It was even recognized by the UN as one of the world's most important events in terms of contributing to the dialogue ..... disparate cultures all over the world. Every year the Fes Festival offers ..... 60 different shows and concerts, featuring musicians and poets ranging from up-and-coming "Next Big Things" to international icons such as Joan Baez, Patti Smith, Salif Keita, and Ravi Shankar. There are also multimedia ....., and Sufi Nights featuring sacred music rich with mysticism.

## III- WRITING (12 marks) :

### 1) Use the following information to write the biography of Vincent Willem Van Gogh (4 marks) :

Birth / Birthplace	Associated movement / Occupation	Best known Artworks	Death
- March 30, 1853 - Zundert, Kingdom of the Netherlands	- Post-Impressionism / - painting	- produce more than 2,100 artworks - The Starry Night, The Potato Eaters, Vase with Fifteen Sunflowers.	- July 29, 1890 - Today, Vincent van Gogh / consider / one great/ artists in human history.

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Adherence to task and content adequacy	2 marks
Lexical appropriacy and grammar accuracy	1 mark
Mechanical accuracy (punctuation, capitalization and spelling)	1 mark

**2) Topic (8 marks) :**

One of your close friends has recently had a serious car accident and consequently missed schooling. Added to that, he/she refused to go back to school. Write him/her an e-mail to advise him/her to enroll in a virtual school and resume studies. Mention to him/her some of the benefits of online education.

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Adherence to task and content adequacy	3 marks
Lexical appropriacy and grammar accuracy	3 marks
Mechanical accuracy (punctuation, capitalization and spelling)	2 marks