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“Would You Move to Mars?” Quiz

Directions: Read “Would You Move to Mars?” Then answer the questions below.

1. What is the central idea of Alex’s letter?

- (A) The humans who get chosen to go to Mars will be exceptional.
- (B) It is now possible to go to Mars.
- (C) The risks of going to Mars outweigh the rewards.
- (D) It would be wonderful to go to Mars.

2. Which detail from Alex’s letter does NOT support the central idea?

- (A) Going to Mars would be a chance to be a part of history.
- (B) Traveling to Mars is a one-way trip.
- (C) Research done on Mars would help improve life on Earth.
- (D) Living on Mars would be an amazing adventure.

3. What is Mark’s attitude about Alex’s decision to go to Mars?

- (A) skeptical
- (B) suspicious
- (C) horrified
- (D) indifferent

4. Mark writes, “Can you take cosmic radiation, though?” Which literary device is he using?

- (A) metaphor
- (B) symbolism
- (C) rhetorical question
- (D) alliteration

5. Alex writes “If we want our species to survive, we need to colonize other planets, because we are going to run out of space and resources here on Earth.” Context clues reveal that *colonize* means

- (A) set up a new community far from home.
- (B) destroy a place.
- (C) stay far away from a place.
- (D) search for a new home.

6. Mark likely mentions the time delay in sending and receiving messages from Mars

- (A) as a rebuttal to Alex’s statement that Mars colonists will be able to stay in touch with people on Earth.
- (B) to support his point that you don’t have to travel all the way to Mars to improve life on Earth.
- (C) as an example of how dangerous Mars is.
- (D) to show that the other colonists might be untrustworthy.

Constructed-Response Questions

Directions: Write your answers to the questions below on the back of this paper or type them up on a computer.

7. Compare what Alex and Mark say about the fact that the mission to Mars is a one-way trip. Use at least one detail from each letter in your answer.

8. Do Alex and Mark make convincing arguments? How could their arguments be improved? Explain.