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## **TIẾNG ANH 9**

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## Ex 1: Read the passage and complete the tasks that follow.

Normally, people debate about the benefits of biomedical research in space from the knowledge gained and the skills developed. It is rare, however, to discuss negative effects a space flight has on an astronaut's body.

On a space trip, with no gravity, fluids in legs and the lower part of the body will move upwards towards the head, resulting in a swollen face, an occasional headache and congestion. In the first few days of getting acquainted with zero gravity, feels of dizziness and having an upset stomach are fairly obvious tokens. Luckily, this feeling will disappear after three or four days. In space, an astronaut's bones and muscles will get weak unless he or she has adopted a regular exercise schedule before taking a space flight. When returning to Earth, getting used to gravity again sometimes makes astronauts dizzy or queasy. Depending on the flight duration, it may take them from two days to several weeks to feel normal again.

After astronauts come back to Earth, unforeseen consequences are much more serious. With less gravity, the body doesn't really need a strong skeleton, causing bones to weaken. Additionally, because of lack of use, astronauts' muscles soon lose strength. Their heart has trouble pumping oxygenated blood to all parts of the body and breathing fully is difficult as well. Their digestive system is less efficient, affecting their appetite negatively. They may also suffer from a weakened immune system which limits their ability to prevent diseases. Additionally, various forms of cancer are a predictable result of high levels of solar radiation.

## A. Reorder sentences to show how astronauts may be affected during and after a space trip.

- 1. After backing home, it takes austronauts time to get usual to life.
- 2. Astronauts feel dizzy and have a stomachache.
- 3. On the way back to Earth, astronauts feel queasy due to different levels of gravity.
- 4. The face gets swollen, followed by a headache and congestion.
- 5. Bones and muscles become weakened.

Answer:

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## B. Choose the best option (A, B, or C) to answer each of the following questions.

- **6.** On a space trip, what do astronauts first suffer from when they live in a zero-gravity environment?
- A. The reversed flow of fluids
- B. Lower body parts swelling
- C. A constant headache
- 7. How long does it take astronauts to get over dizziness and stomachache?
- A. Until taking a space flight
- B. In several days' time after getting in space
- C. Until astronauts return to the earth
- **8.** What should astronauts do before taking a space trip?
- A. Adopt a healthy meal schedule to improve the muscle
- B. Do exercise whenever they feel like
- C. Do exercise routinely
- **9.** Why do astronauts' bones get weak when they return to Earth?
- A. The suddenly stronger gravity on Earth causes bones to weaken.
- B. Because the skeleton need not be strong in weak gravity environments.
- C. Because they don't do exercise as they did in the past.
- **10.** What is NOT mentioned as an unforeseen consequence when astronauts return to Earth?
- A. Sun allergy due to the long exposure to solar radiation
- B. Deterioration in the immune system
- C. Malfunction of certain body organs

Ex 2:

Thai Museum Catalogues Opium Dreams and Nightmares

CHIANG SAEN, Thailand, Wednesday December 04 (Reuters).

- 1) First reactions to Thailand's giant new opium museum in the Golden Triangle are confused: pleasant surprise at cool air after the intense tropical heat, but then disorientation, shock, even fear. Visitors enter the 100-acre complex through a long, dark, mist-filled tunnel, which winds into the base of a hill past bas-reliefs of distorted human figures before emerging suddenly into bright sunlight in front of a field of poppies. "This is the mystery, the contradiction of opium," says Charles Mehl, head of research for the Mae Fah Luang Foundation, which has just completed the \$10 million museum. "Opium is one of the very best drugs we have for treating chronic pain and bringing relief from suffering. But it can also be one of the worst, destroying lives if it is used for recreation or exploited for commercial gain."
- 2) Built into a hillside by the Mekong River on the northern tip of Thailand, the museum lies at the heart of the Golden Triangle. Chiang Saen town is about 470 miles north of Bangkok, overlooking the junction of the borders of Thailand, Laos and Myanmar, formerly known as Burma. The Golden Triangle is a largely lawless region that last year produced more opium and heroin than Afghanistan and more synthetic stimulant pills than all the rest of the laboratories in Southeast Asia put together, drugs agencies say.
- 3) Western backpackers and busloads of other day-trippers pour daily into the picturesque Chiang Saen district, in Chiang Rai province, to buy souvenirs on the Mekong's banks. Some try illicit puffs on opium pipes in nearby villages. The museum, which will open officially early next year, aims to exploit this tourist business, luring the curious with the promise of entertainment and impressive audio-visual displays in English and Thai. But as visitors progress down the labyrinthine corridors that stretch across three floors, the warnings against narcotic abuse gradually become more powerful. "People think at first they know what they will see -- a quaint presentation about hill tribes growing opium. But that's only a small part of the story," said Mehl.
- 1. The word "disorientation" in paragraph 1 is closest in meaning to:

A. being introduced

B. total confusion, nothing be clear

C. happiness

D. understanding

2. The word "distorted" in paragraph 1 is closest in meaning to:

A. famous

B. extraordinary; very unusual

C. bent; twisted; strange shape

D. unclear

3. The word "poppies" in paragraph 1 is closest in meaning to:

A. cattle

B. flowers

C. crops

D. sheep

4. The word "contradiction" in paragraph 1 is closest in meaning to:

A. opposite of something else B. illegality

C. beauty D. wonder

5. The word "exploited" in paragraph 1 is closest in meaning to:

A. firings, loss of jobs

B. promotions; raise

C. used unfairly; developed in a bad way

D. employed

6. The word "synthetic" in paragraph 2 is closest in meaning to:

A. fast

B. cheap

C. natural

D. artificial

7. The word "illicit" in paragraph 3 is closest in meaning to:

A. unlawful; not allowed

B. free

C. cheap; inexpensive

D. exciting

8. The word "curious" in paragraph 3 is closest in meaning to:

A. interested; eager to know

B. middle class

C. bored; disinterested

D. rich and famous