

THE TEXT

Two of the major space tourism companies have hit milestones in recent weeks, but only one can claim that they're kind of sort of approaching prices that would allow **them** to credibly market themselves to consumers. Space flight isn't going to be affordable—whatever that will end up meaning—in the next decade. But it's still worth noting how the barest hints of competition are already pushing down prices, and how Space Adventures is undercutting Virgin Galactic in the blossoming sub-orbital travel market by literally a hundred thousand dollars.

Space Adventures just unveiled their proposed consumer space travel package. They'll put tourists on a vertically launched vehicle, currently under development by Armadillo Aerospace, and fire them 62 miles above the ground. Once **there**, the engine would be shut down and passengers would float weightless for about five minutes, availing themselves of a 360-degree view of Earth. The anticipated price tag? A mere \$102,000.

Obviously those costs are still beyond what most consumers can afford. But with Virgin Galactic promising to charge more than \$200,000 per seat on their sub-orbital cruiser, it's still a welcome announcement. Meanwhile Virgin Galactic has their own progress to report. Their rocket ship just passed its first battery of captive-carry flights, where it flew strapped to the back of a mother ship. Eventually the cruiser will be launched from the back of that ship and go into space. Until then, fingers crossed that prices keep dropping and dropping.

We live in an age where the International Space Station has an observation deck and Internet access. Astronauts can file Amazon orders from space. Affordable sub-orbital tourism can't be that far off, right?

www.jaunted.com
May 4, 2010

<p>Mrs Fadoua Ben Jalloul.D Subject: ENGLISH 4th level: Sc.Ex/Maths/ Sc. Info</p>	<p>END OF TERM TEST N° 1 Duration: 2 hours</p>	<p>S.Y:2010-11 Mahmoud El Messaadi School. ElHencha</p>
<p>NAME.....CLASS:.....N°.....</p>		

I-READING COMPREHENSION: (12 MARKS)

1)- Read the text and tick (√) the correct alternative: (1 mark)

- The best title for the text is:
 - a. Space travel will never be affordable.
 - b. Space travel is getting cheaper and cheaper.
 - c. Space travel is as expensive as before.

2)- The statements below are false, correct them with details from the text: (3 marks)

- a. The new prices are nearly cheap for most space tourism lovers. (P3)
.....
- b. Virgin Galactic is winning a stronger position in the space tourism market. (P1)
.....
- c. Space Adventure vehicle is ready to start taking tourists into space. (P2)
.....

3)- Answer the following questions: (3 marks)

- a) What are the two things space tourists can experience while on orbit?
.....
.....
- b) What is the most important result of the competition between the two space travel companies?
.....

4)- Find words in the text having these meanings: (2 marks)

- Weakening or destroying the impact or effectiveness of something / someone:
(P1)
- Revealed to public knowledge: (P2)

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

- a- **them**: (P1)
- b- **there**: (P2)

6)- *What do you think is the best thing about space travel? Why? (1 mark)*

.....
.....

II-LANGUAGE: (6 MARKS)

1)- *Fill in the blanks with words in the list below, there are two extra words: (3 marks)*

- or - *this - tour - price - suddenly - neglect - cheated - basic* -

If you opt for a package holiday you expect exactly that – a whole package. However, that may not be what you get. Several holiday firms do not include additional extras in the of their package deals, something that they may to tell you about. Indeed, your package holiday may initially be as as they come.

That £250 you thought covered everything may not include airport transfers, luggage charges even in-flight meals.

Some companies are now charging as much as £10 per adult and £5 per child for food on flights. Add to the £20 or £30 you can expect to pay for airport transfers and your cheap package deal is not so cheap.

3)- *Put the bracketed words in their correct tense or form: (3 marks)*

Russia is a gorgeous country to visit. If you plan to spend your holidays exactly in Russia, we would be **(delight)**..... to offer all hotels in Russia. We could provide you with Russian hotels that are the **(good)**..... in their class. We offer all price categories to accommodate all your needs **(start)** from 2 star to 5 star deluxe. Having a significant experience in this sphere we will make you feel at home and you are **(assure)**.....of highest quality. What is more, we have the staff speaking English, German, Spanish and French languages who will be glad **(help)**..... you with advice concerning hotels in Russia and give you round-the-clock **(assist)**..... .

III- WRITING: (12 MARKS)

1)- GUIDED WRITING: (4 MARKS)

- Use the information provided in the table below to write a short paragraph about **the CHRISTMAS celebration in Britain.**

<i>Date of the celebration</i>	25th December
<i>what British people celebrate</i>	The birthday of Jesus Christ
<i>what British people prepare and do for Christmas</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Christmas dinner at midday for the whole family.- send cards- family and friends share customs and traditions- put up Christmas decorations in homes and churches.

.....

.....

.....

.....

.....

.....

.....

2)- FREE WRITING: (8 MARKS)

You read the ad below about a package holiday and you'd like to take part in it, however, you need to know some further information about it before taking a decision. Write an e-mail in which you ask about the things you noted.

Would you like to explore the beauty of **THAILAND?**

So, don't miss our package holiday which offers:

- ✦ 7 nights accommodation with *breakfast and dinner.*
- ✦ **FREE** admission to some places.
- ✦ 3 sightseeing tours with a guide.
- ✦ Return tickets and a lot of surprises still to discover.

Notes: Type of accommodation (hotel, apartment, bungalow...?) / Food served / which places exactly are free / What surprises / the language the guide speaks...

Dear

.....
.....
.....
.....
.....
.....
.....
.....
.....
.....
.....
.....
.....
.....
.....
.....
.....
.....
.....
.....
.....
.....
.....
.....

Yours faithfully.