



Indian Institute of Information Technology Sri City, Chittoor

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Essential English Mid-Sem Exam (Set4) - UG1

Date: 04/03/2022

20 Marks

Duration: 1hr

- 1. Read the following passage and answer the questions in two or three sentences.**
6 marks

THE FIRST INDIAN IN SPACE

Rakesh Sharma was born on January 13 1949 in Patiala (present-day Punjab) India. His family moved to Hyderabad which enabled him to join the National Defence academy after completion of his school. Rakesh Sharma was commissioned into the Indian Airforce as a pilot in 1970. He flew 21 combat missions in a MiG-21 fighter jet during the 1971 Bangladesh Liberation War. In 1982 he was chosen to become a cosmonaut as part of a joint initiative between India and the Soviet Union (now Russia). He underwent rigorous training for two years at the Yuri Gagarin Cosmonaut Training Centre in Moscow as part of which he was locked inside a closed room for 72 hours to see if he was claustrophobic. On 3rd April 1984 Rakesh Sharma entered the Soviet rocket Soyuz T-11 which was launched from the Baikonur Cosmodrome in the Kazakh region. With Sharma's space voyage, India became the 14th nation in the world to send a man into outer space. In all, Rakesh Sharma spent 7 days, 21 hours and 40 minutes aboard the Salyut 7 space station. The crew members aboard the rocket conducted various scientific and technical studies with Rakesh focussing mainly on remote sensing. Over the years, Rakesh Sharma was promoted to various ranks in the air force and retired as a Wing Commander. In 1987 he joined HAL as the Chief test pilot at Nasik but later moved to the Bengaluru division in. He retired from flying in 2001.

- a. Why was Rakesh Sharma locked up for 72 hours?
b. What was the distinction that India achieved with Sharma going into space?
c. What are the benefits to mankind with space exploration?
- 2. Read the following personal profile of a person who comes to your institution for a guest lecture. You are expected to introduce the person to the audience. Write a short introductory speech in about 200 words.**
7 marks

Mr. Kapil

A diligent-intelligent student-Eager to absorb knowledge-looking for scholarship-like to pursue post-doctoral degree-sponsors welcome-ready to execute bond-

- 3. a. Re-write the following paragraph by filling up the correct form of the words given in the brackets. You should underline the word that you have filled in.**

3 marks

The world _____(demand) kindness. People _____(exemplify) kindness and _____(interpret) it in various ways. However, we can see that many acts of kindness which come to the mainstream are for earning publicity. That _____(mean), many people who proclaim themselves as kind by demonstrating their kindness in public platform actually _____(glorify) themselves. In this process, it is possible that, many a time, the ‘consumer’ of their kindness _____(become) insulted. Read the newspapers or look at social media to see how kindness overrides basic human rights.

- b. Write about how you felt during the first lockdown following the COVID 19 outbreak in not less than 100 words**

4 marks