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PART ONE : READ THE TEXT AND DO ALL THE ACTIVITIES THAT FOLLOW IT

For thousands of years people have been interested in comets. Why? Often because they have been afraid of them; they have thought they were signs of terrible things to come, and were afraid they might hit the **earth**. In fact, small pieces of comets do from time to time fall on our earth in the form of meteors. Some of which are quite large pieces of
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What is a comet? It is a body that goes round our sun, not in a cycle like the planets. But in a kind of egg **shape** that takes it round our solar system, or in some cases perhaps even outside it, and then back in again. The nearest any comet gets to the edge of our sun during its **orbit** is about 145.000 kilometres. The shortest orbit is three years, and the
10 longest is likely to be something like a million years. There are thought to be about 120.000 comets in our solar system.

A comet has a head and one or more long tails. What are they made of? Most scientists believe they are **frozen** gases and dust, but recently there has been another idea, which is that the head is made of organic material in one or more solid pieces. How did the comets begin? We do not know, any more than we know how our solar system as a whole
15 began.

Why are comets of scientific interest? Because it is **likely** that they have changed little if at all since they were first formed, so that they could give us interesting information about the beginnings of our solar system, including our earth. If they are made up of organic material, they could also give us valuable information about the beginning of life on our
20 earth, especially if, as some scientists now think, the small pieces that fall on our earth can lead to organic changes in it two famous scientists have thought for some time that comets bring living things to earth which are the causes of diseases that have started suddenly among people and animals and that have not been able to be explained before. They say that recent discoveries made with very big telescopes and by the **spacecraft**
25 giotto have this idea more likely to be true. But there are other scientists who do not agree. To get **proof** of who is right, it is likely that we shall have to wait until we have spacecraft that can get much closer to a comet than they have been able to do so far.

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A. Vocabulary.

B. The words in column A are from the text above. The lines where words can be found are indicated in brackets. Read the text again and match each of the word with its synonym in column B like in the example.

➤ Example : 7 – g

Column A

1. Earth
2. Shape
3. Orbit
4. Frozen
5. Spacecraft
6. Likely
7. Proof

Column B

- a. trajectory
- b. solidified
- c. form
- d. planet
- e. probable
- f. flying vehicle
- g. evidence

B- Read the text again and say if the following statements are true (T) or false (F). Justify your answer by giving the lines. Write your answer like this.

Example : 1-F (line 5)

1. Meteors are small parts of the sun.
2. A comet goes round the sun in an oval form.
3. Comets are of no use to human life.
4. Comets have different orbits.
5. For a very long time, scientists had believed that comets were made only of dust and gases.
6. All the scientists think that organic material from comets may have caused some sudden diseases.

PART TWO : LANGUAGE IN USE

A- Choose the right word or expression between brackets to fill in the gaps in the sentences below.

Write your answers like in the example. Example : 3-climate

1. A recent government report has warned that we act immediately to reduce pollution, there will be serious consequences for the planet. (provided that- in case- unless-yet)

2. people live in the countryside than 100 years ago. (less- few-fewer- lesser)
3. is one of the many factors involved in changing farming methods. (climate – A climates – the climates)
4. What time on television? (is the news – are the news – is news – is the news)
5. They live on a busy road. a lot of noise from the traffic. (it must be – It must have – There must have – There must be)
6. Goodbye! I'll see you (at Friday morning – on Friday morning – in Friday morning – Friday morning)
7. I asked two people the way to the station, but of them could help me. (none – either – both – neither)

B- This is the speech from the World Football Summit (WFS) that suspended football competitions because of the Coronavirus pandemic. To make it meaningful, choose the correct forms of tenses of the verbs in parentheses. Write your answers like in the example.

Example : 1 – puts

WFS SUSPEND ALL ON-SITE EVENTS FOR THE NEXT FOUR MONTHS DUE TO THE CORONAVIRUS

The Corona virus pandemic is posing an unprecedented challenge for the world. One that can only be overcome if the global community works together as a team and **1 (puts – is putting – has put)** general interests over individual ones. This means **2(setting – sets - set)** people's health and well-being as the only priority, and that's what the World Football Summit is committed to. We are all confident that the end of this battle **3(will be – is – was)**, near that the ball **4 (would – will – is)** soon roll again and we will be able to gather around football and the rest of the things that make us happy. But currently, there **5 (will be – is – would be)** no way to know exactly when this will happen. We **6 (will love – would love – love)** to give alternative dates, but at the moment nobody is able to predict when it will be safe for people around the world to travel normally and come together for larger events. What you can be sure of this global crisis **7 (reinforced – had reinforced – will reinforce)** only the first and most important of our founding principles: our commitment to serve the football industry through thick and thin.

PART THREE: WRITING:

CHOOSE ONLY ONE OF THE TASKS BELOW AND DO IN NOT MORE THAN FIFTEEN LINES

TASK 1: Developed countries spend a lot of money on space travels. People from poor countries are against that. They say that the money spent for space travels can be used to help to develop their countries. Your American penfriend wants to know your point of view. Tell him/her your opinion in a letter.

TASK 2: For an " Environment Week" in your school, your English Club magazine is organizing a competition for the best article on environment. Write your article to give the reasons why forests are destroyed, to describe the effects of that destruction on the environment and to propose your solutions to that problem.