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QUESTION 1 LANGUAGE PRACTICE [36 marks]

1. Which word is spelled correctly? (A) acheive (B) acheeve (C) achieve (D) acheve **(1)**

2. Rewrite this sentence in the passive voice: "Scientists at NASA discovered ancient galaxies using the James Webb Space Telescope." **(2)**

3. Read: "The telescope's images revealed stunning cosmic mysteries." What is the denotation of the word "revealed"? (A) concealed (B) made known (C) hid (D) discovered for the first time **(1)**

4. Form a nominalization from the verb "observe": The astronomers will _____ the distant stars. **(1)**

5. Read this sentence: "Priya argued that space exploration wastes money when Earth has problems." Is this statement fact, opinion, or bias? Explain your answer in one sentence. **(2)**

6. Rewrite using a Type 2 conditional: If Thabo had enough funding, he would study astrophysics. **(2)**

7. Read: "The James Webb telescope pierced the veil of cosmic darkness." What is the connotation of "pierced" in this context? (A) violent and destructive (B) aggressive and harmful (C) determined and powerful (D) sharp and painful **(2)**

8. Edit this sentence for TWO errors: "The discovery of new planets have excited scientist's around the world." **(2)**

9. Dylan wrote: "The universe are infinite and mysterious." Identify and correct the grammatical error. **(1)**

10. Read: "According to scientists, the telescope costs $10 billion and is therefore a waste of government resources." Which part of this sentence is factual, and which is opinion? **(2)**

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11. What effect does the word "pierced" create in the sentence: "Astronomers pierced the darkness of space for the first time"? Explain in one sentence. **(2)**

12. Rewrite this paragraph correcting THREE errors: "The James Webb telescope, which was launch in 2021, have already made remarkable discoveries. Its images shows galaxies that is billions of years old." **(3)**

13. Read Kagiso's essay claim: "Space exploration is pointless because we should focus only on Earth's problems." Identify whether this is fact or opinion, and explain what logical flaw exists in this argument. **(3)**

14. In the sentence "The revelation of distant galaxies transformed our understanding of the cosmos," explain what the nominalization "revelation" achieves that the verb form "revealed" would not. **(3)**

15. Analyze this passage for bias: "The James Webb Space Telescope, a triumph of human innovation, has proven that space exploration is essential for humanity's future." Identify two words or phrases that reveal the author's bias, and explain their connotation. **(4)**

16. Write an argumentative paragraph (8-10 sentences) responding to this claim: "The James Webb Space Telescope is worth the investment because it advances human knowledge." Your paragraph should include: a clear topic sentence, at least two pieces of evidence (factual or logical), one counterargument acknowledged, and one sentence using a Type 2 conditional. Underline the conditional sentence. **(5)**

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