

## DEUXIEME DEVOIR SURVEILLE DU SECOND SEMESTRE

### COMPETENCES A EVALUER

**C D n° 2** : Réagir de façon précise et appropriée à des messages lus ou entendus

**C D n° 3** : Produire de façon appropriée des textes de types et de fonctions variés

### EPREUVE

#### I- REACTION A UN TEXTE ECRIT

##### A- Contexte :

Dans l'espace comme sur la terre, s'effectuent des voyages pour le plaisir ou pour faire des découvertes. La réussite de ces voyages requiert la prise de certaines précautions.

##### B- Support

##### Text :

- 1- A person must wear a special suit in space to stay alive. It provides him with oxygen to breathe and keep his body at a safe pressure and temperature. Away from earth, there may be no oxygen to breathe, and different pressure and temperature could cause instant death.
- 2- On a bright April morning in 1961, in the Soviet Republic, there was the launching of a rocket, a special engine. Two men, each in orange flight suits and white helmets, emerged, embraced and touched helmets. One of them ascended a small flight of stairs towards a lift and turned to wave. At the top of the rocket, the man entered cramped spherical capsule feet first and the door was sealed behind him.
- 3- Yuri Gagarin was about to become the first man in space. In less than two hours, he would have circled the earth and returned to the ground with his name on everyone's lips.
- 4- A faulty valve briefly delayed the lift off of the Vostok A<sub>1</sub> rocket which carried Gagarin. The film of the lift-off was first seen in the West only, several years later. It showed the rocket's shadow moving across the float Russian Steppe.

- 5- A mere passenger in his Vostok craft, Gagarin entered orbit a few minutes later saying: "The sky looks very, very dark and the Earth is bluish." After a flight of less than one orbit, 300 kilometres above the Earth, retro-rockets fired during Vostok's first pass over Africa and re-entry began.
- 6- The spherical capsule with Gagarin inside separated from the retro-package and plunged deep into the atmosphere, glowing as its protective coating dissipated the heat of re-entry. At a little under 4,000 metres, the first parachute opened, followed by the main one at 2,500 metres. In only 108 minutes, Gagarin travelled 40,650 kilometres, landing in a field near the town of Saratov.

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**C- Critères d'évaluation :**

Après avoir lu le texte, tu montreras que tu l'as compris en :

- reconnaissant certains de ses détails;
- exprimant tes appréciations sur le texte ;
- montrant ta maîtrise de certains mots ou expressions utilisés dans le texte et des termes techniques liés à l'artisanat ;
- prouvant ta maîtrise de certaines notions grammaticales.

**D- Tâches:**

**Item 1: Write "True" or "False" for these statements**

- 1- Oxygen is not necessary for people to live in space.
- 2- There is no difference between space and the earth in term of temperature.
- 3- Yuri Gagarin would not take more than two hours to circle the earth.
- 4- The Russians had the opportunity to watch the film of lift-off in 1961.
- 5- According to the Vostok's passenger, the sky has the same colour as the earth.

**Item 2: Answer these questions on the text**

- 1- What precaution did the two men take to travel in good conditions?
- 2- Which means of transport carried Yuri Gagarin?
- 3- Where did he land after 108 minutes?

**Item 3: Say what these personal pronouns refer to:**

- 1- "It" in paragraph n°1
- 2- "Him" in paragraph n°1
- 3- "Them" in paragraph n°2