



## LESSON - 8

### The Earth's Envoy

#### SOLUTIONS:

#### Comprehension:

#### I. Answer the Following question in a sentence each:

1. Who is the first cosmonaut?

Ans: Yuri Gagarin is the first cosmonaut.

2. Who was the chief designer of Gagarin's space flight?

Ans:-Korolyov was the chief designer of Gagarin's space flight.

3. Give the date and year of Gagarin's flight into the space.

Ans:- It was on April 12, 1961.

4. Who gave the 'lift-off' order to Gagarin?

Ans: The flight-director gave 'lift-off' order to Gagarin.

5. Who were the three staring at Gagarin when he landed in the field?

Ans:- An elderly woman, a small girl and a dappled calf were the three staring at Gagarin when he landed in the field.

6. Name the countries which gave their warmest welcome to Gagarin.

Ans:- Bulgaria, Czechoslovakia, India, Ceylon, Great Britain and the United States gave their warmest welcome to Gagarin.

7. Where did crowds of people gather to receive the first cosmonaut?

Ans:- Crowds of people gathered at Red Square to receive the first cosmonaut.

8. In which flying club did Gagarin first learn to fly planes?

Ans:- Gagarin first learnt to fly planes in the Saratov flying club.

**II. Answer the following questions in 20-25 words each:**

1. How did the chief designer try to cheer up Gagarin before the lift off?

Ans:- The chief designer tried to cheer up Gagarin by telling him that everything was alright in the bunker too and also by offering him some music.

2. Why did the elderly woman and the small girl stare at Gagarin in astonishment?

Ans:- The elderly woman and the small girl stared at Gagarin in astonishment because his orange spacesuit frightened them and also, they had never seen the likes of it before.

3. How did Gagarin's smiling face become familiar to everyone?

Ans:- Gagarin's flight into space thrilled the whole world. All newspapers around the globe picked up the news that made his face become familiar to everyone.

4. How did the people of Moscow receive Gagarin?

Ans:- Gagarin was brought to Moscow by a special airplane and received by crowds of people gathered at Red Square holding a tremendous festive meeting.

**III. Write 'T' for true or 'F' for false against each statement:**

1. The chief designer went back to the bunker.  T
2. The rocket lifted itself fast off the pad.  F
3. Crowds of people had gathered at Red Square.  T
4. The Volga was a kilometer away.  F
5. Gagarin's bright orange spacesuit frightened the woman and the girl.  T
6. The spaceship with Gagarin aboard landed safely in a field near the city of Saratov.  T

**Grammar:**

2. Learn the following contracted forms:

I've	= I have
How're	= How are
You're	= You are
I'm	= I am

A question tag may be added to sentence. Specially in conversation and a non literary question. Tag is used in order to express politeness or emphasise a point.

Now, supply question tags in the following sentences:

1. The weather of Manipur is very pleasant, isn't it?
2. He always praises me, doesn't he?
3. God is kind, isn't He?
4. You cannot help me, can you?
5. Please have some tea, won't you?
6. A good man is respected by all, isn't he?

**Communicative work:**

**3. Complete the following telephone conversation:**

1. **Flight-director:** How're you, Yuri?

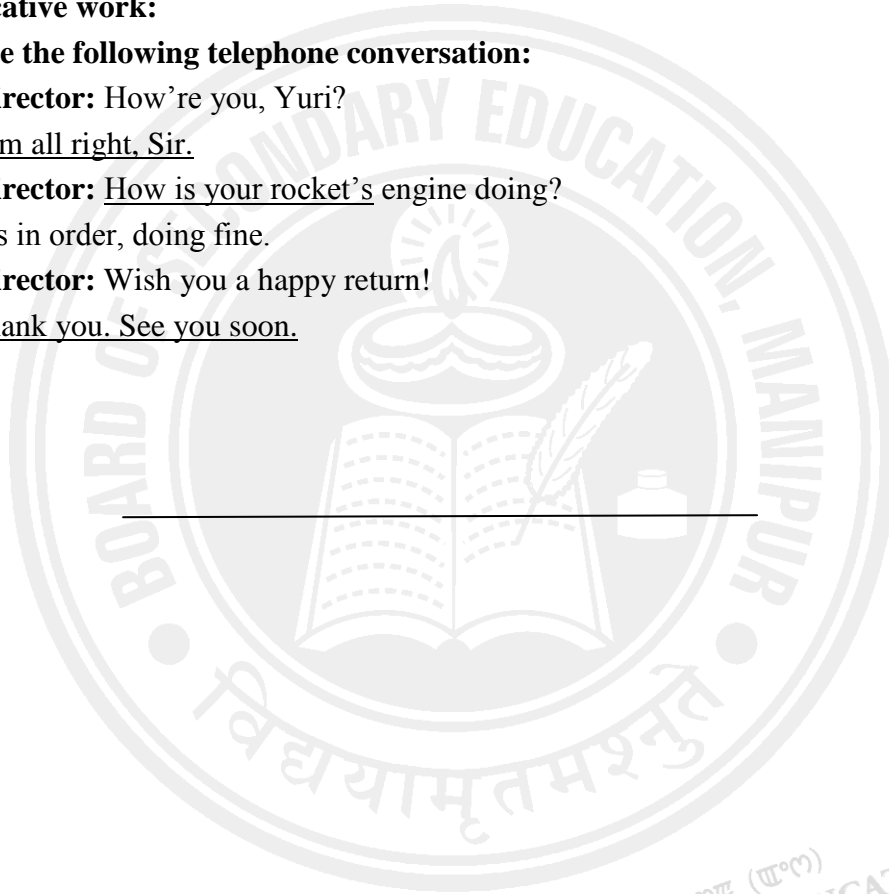
**Yuri:** I am all right, Sir.

2. **Flight-director:** How is your rocket's engine doing?

**Yuri:** It's in order, doing fine.

3. **Flight-director:** Wish you a happy return!

**Yuri:** Thank you. See you soon.



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