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Your cousin is looking for a job. She is showing you a job advertisement she is interested in and a letter of application she has written for it. Read the job advertisement and the letter of application.

Text 2 Job advertisement



Space broadcaster wanted!

1 Want to be a social media star? Then we have got the job for you! Polaris Space Travels is looking to recruit a professional vlogger to be our official Space Broadcaster aboard the International Space Station (ISS).

2 About the job

- 5 The successful applicant will reside on the ISS for six months at a time. The Space Broadcaster will make video blogs (vlogs) that will be broadcast to an audience of millions. These vlogs will be about daily life on the ISS, astronauts' missions and scientific experiments performed in space.

3 Job duties

- 10 You will manage our official social media account and conduct video interviews with the other astronauts. This position also requires participation in other daily routine work, such as cleaning, heating food and training. Potential applicants are expected to work in shifts of twelve hours a day. There are also numerous and potentially severe workplace hazards aboard the ISS.

4 Qualifications

Candidates must possess a master's degree or equivalent qualification in Engineering, Science, Computer Science or Mathematics. They will have had at least three years of related work experience or at least 1,000 hours of experience piloting jet aircraft.

- 20 Candidates must be capable of passing our rigorous physical, vision and swimming tests (as some training is done underwater). They must have outstanding IT skills and solid experience of filming and editing videos. Polaris Space Travels is looking for team players with strong communication skills who can work under pressure. Excellent English is required.

5 Qualifications

- 25 Click here and upload your letter of application, a detailed curriculum vitae and a vlog before 30 October. Address any correspondence to Elaine Cook, HR Manager. Shortlisted candidates will attend a week-long process of interviews, medical screening and orientation.

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Text 3 Letter of application

Flat D, 7/F,
133 Johnson Road,
Tai Po, Hong Kong

Ms Elaine Cook,
HR Manager,
Polaris Space Travels

25 October 20__

Dear Ms Cook,

RE: Application for the position of Space Broadcaster

① I would like to apply for the position of Space Broadcaster, as advertised on your website. From a young age, I have been fascinated by space. I have always dreamt about going into space, and I believe that this is my opportunity.

② I graduated from the University of Hong Kong with a bachelor's degree in Electrical Engineering and a master's degree in Computer Science. I was then employed as a computer technician at DGS Global, a smartphone manufacturer. I had worked there for two years before I switched to the aeroplane manufacturer AirAuto, where I will have designed navigational software for aeroplanes for three years by this November. Consequently, I have superlative programming skills. Moreover, I am a keen photographer, and one of my pastimes is taking photos and shooting videos of wildlife. I have made some short video documentaries about birds, which are available on YouTube.

③ I am in excellent physical condition and have perfect vision. I am also a highly proficient swimmer. I speak fluent English, Cantonese, Putonghua, Korean and Japanese, which will enable me to communicate with a diverse audience during the vlogs. As an outstanding team player, I regularly organize events at work. In addition, I excel at working under pressure as my current position requires me to deal swiftly with any new and unexpected problems. I believe I am an excellent candidate for this position.

④ My CV and a vlog sample are attached for your reference. I would welcome the opportunity to meet you in person and further discuss my suitability. Thank you for your consideration.

Yours sincerely,
Gemma Ip

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Comprehension 2 & 3 *Your dad wants to know more about being a Space Broadcaster. Answer his questions using information from the job advertisement and the letter of application. For multiple-choice questions, choose the best answer and blacken ONE circle only.*

Job advertisement

- 1** What are the vlogs of a Space Broadcaster about?

- 2** What do you think are some 'potentially severe workplace hazards' (line 13) a Space Broadcaster might face?

- 3** Based on information from paragraphs 2 and 3, use ONE word in each blank. Make sure your answers are grammatically correct.

The Space Broadcaster will work aboard the (i) _____. He or she will need to live there and work shifts for (ii) _____ months. He or she will make vlogs about the daily lives of (iii) _____.

He or she will also have to help (iv) _____, prepare food and undergo training with the rest of the crew. Other work duties include dealing with social media and (v) _____ his or her colleagues.

- 4** Why do you think some training is done underwater?

- 5** Which of the following is NOT a requirement for the job?

- ☐ A fluent English
☐ B excellent IT skills
☐ C vlogging experience
☐ D acting experience

- 6** In your opinion, what is the most difficult part of a Space Broadcaster's job?

- 7** Which of the following is NOT a part of the application process?

- ☐ A interviews
☐ B medical screening
☐ C orientation
☐ D time in a space simulator

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Unit 8

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Letter of application

8 How does Gemma feel about going into space?

A anxious

C calm

A B C D

B certain

D passionate

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9 Based on the information from paragraph 2, use ONE word to complete each blank.

Job	Company name	Industry	Years of experience
Computer (i) _____	DGS Global	(ii) _____	(iii) _____ years
Aeroplane software (iv) _____	(v) _____	aeroplane	(vi) _____ years

10 Do you think Gemma has good IT skills? Why or why not?

11 Which of the following might affect Gemma's chance of getting the job?

A She has excellent IT skills.

B She has little experience making vlogs.

C She is physically fit.

A B C D

D She has no experience working in space.

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12 Complete the sentences with words from Text 2 and Text 3. Use ONE word to complete each blank. Make sure your answers are grammatically correct.

i) Gina found a job close to where she _____ (Text 2, paragraph 2) so that she does not have to commute far.

ii) Tom works the night _____ (Text 2, paragraph 3) at a convenience store, so he sleeps during the day.

iii) Foreign students need a/an _____ (Text 2, paragraph 4) of a DSE Level 3 in English in the public examinations of their home countries to enter university in Hong Kong.

iv) I've always been a/an _____ (Text 3, paragraph 2) reader. I can finish about two to three books a week.