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Quiz: Houston, You Have Competition

Directions: Select the answer that best completes the sentence.

1) The purpose of the Apollo mission, according to Robert Zubrin, author of *The Case for Space*, was to _____.

- A) astonish the world with what free people can do
- B) find and learn about yet-undiscovered planets
- C) conduct experiments on factors such as weightlessness and G-force
- D) teach astronauts about technology and space

2) Eventually, Zubrin said, Space Shuttle astronauts _____.

- A) had to purchase their own floppy disks because of budget cuts
- B) and Lockheed Martin found ways to improve Space Shuttle fuel efficiency
- C) brought their own laptops with them because the Space Shuttle computers were outdated
- D) quit their government jobs and went to work for Elon Musk's SpaceX

3) Elon Musk said some private companies that work for NASA don't innovate because _____.

- A) their workers are lazy
- B) the government doesn't pay on time
- C) they have older workers who are not up-to-date on the latest technological advances
- D) they have an incentive to maximize program costs to increase profits

4) According to John Stossel, the number of competitors for space travel is growing and _____.

- A) the cost of space exploration is rising
- B) innovative, cost-cutting ideas are responsible
- C) NASA will have to regulate these companies to prevent excessive competition
- D) that will cost all of us more money through higher taxes.

5) The main point of this video is _____.

- A) the U.S. government should spend more money to develop better technology
- B) entrepreneurs pursuing of profits leads to improvements in technology
- C) space exploration and space travel are a waste of money
- D) we should leave space exploration to other countries, such as China

Houston, You Have Competition – Answer Key:

1. A
2. C
3. D
4. B
5. B