

“Disaster in Space” Quiz

Directions: Read the article “Disaster in Space” in the January 2008 issue of *Storyworks*. Then fill in the circle next to the best answer for each question.

1. What main problem did the astronauts aboard *Apollo 13* face?

- (A) They didn't bring enough oxygen tanks.
- (B) They lost their way in space.
- (C) An explosion ripped a hole in their spacecraft.
- (D) Their rocket didn't make it through the Earth's atmosphere.

2. Where was Mission Control, the ground operation, located?

- (A) Dallas, Texas
- (B) Houston, Texas
- (C) Austin, Texas
- (D) Miami, Florida

3. What did the astronauts originally intend to do, before they encountered a problem?

- (A) explore Mars
- (B) walk on the moon
- (C) orbit the Earth
- (D) collect rocks

4. How did Bobby Winfield know so much about the space program?

- (A) He read about it in newspapers.
- (B) He learned about it in school.
- (C) He was best friends with Captain Lovell's children.
- (D) His father was a space engineer.

5. How did most of the public react to the problems aboard *Apollo 13*?

- (A) They were extremely concerned.
- (B) They thought *Apollo 13* was facing routine problems.
- (C) They believed people shouldn't be going into space anyway.
- (D) They lost hope that Mission Control would find a solution.

6. Which word best describes Flight Director Eugene Krantz's attitude toward the problem?

- (A) pessimistic
- (B) scared
- (C) determined
- (D) resigned

7. Where did the astronauts go for safety since the main part of their ship was losing oxygen?

- (A) the lunar exploratory module
- (B) the command module
- (C) the service module
- (D) the main rocket

8. How would you describe the tone, or feeling, created in this story?

- (A) sad
- (B) suspenseful
- (C) skeptical
- (D) sarcastic

9. Who is considered a hero in this story?

- (A) the three astronauts
- (B) Eugene Krantz
- (C) the hundreds of people working in Mission Control
- (D) all of the above

10. Which of the following titles best expresses the main idea of this article?

- (A) The Doomed Flight of *Apollo 13*
- (B) The Story of Three Astronauts
- (C) A History of Spaceflight
- (D) Ingenuity Saves the Day