

Quiz

1 According to the article, Musk believes that a lower price-point would entice more people to volunteer to be pioneers.

Which paragraph from the section "Do You Want To Be One In A Million?" BEST supports this idea?

2 Based on the article, critics of Musk's plan believe we should focus on improving life on Earth over sending humans to Mars.

Which two of the following sentences from the article BEST support the idea stated above?

1. *In a recent interview, Ellen Stofan, former NASA chief scientist, dismissed the idea that there would ever be a mass transfer of humans to another planet, adding that trumpeting the idea risked being a distraction from the problems faced on our home planet.*
2. *It's wrapped in a zeal for "saving humanity from itself and the problems we've wrought on this planet," he said in the same tweet.*
3. *"I'm less concerned about making humans a multi-planetary species than I am about making the Earth a sustainable multi-species planet," he added.*
4. *He said keeping Mars untouched for now is a moral obligation. "Until we've conclusively answered that question we should keep our feet on the ground," he said.*

- (A) 1 and 3
- (B) 1 and 4
- (C) 2 and 3
- (D) 2 and 4

3 Which of the following statements is MOST appropriate to include in an objective summary of the article?

- (A) Musk's idea for colonizing Mars is a bold and creative solution to problems on Earth.
- (B) Musk acknowledges that many details of the plan are unclear and need to be addressed.
- (C) Building a civilization on Mars as Musk plans would be a kind of vandalism.
- (D) The tone of the paper outlining Musk's plan is too playful to be taken seriously.

4 Complete the following sentence.

The CENTRAL ideas of the article are developed by \_\_\_\_\_.

- (A) explaining what attracted Musk to the idea of visiting and colonizing Mars
- (B) describing the opportunities for employment and financial success on Mars
- (C) comparing the likelihood of colonization of Mars with that of other planets
- (D) discussing the contents of Musk's plan and the issues that may prove to be problematic