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Use this week's cover story, "Inside the *Crew Dragon*," to answer the questions below. For questions 1–6, circle the letter next to the best answer. If you need more space to write your response to question 7, you may use the back of this page.

<p>1. Which sentence best states the central idea of the article's first paragraph?</p> <p>A. The <i>Dragon</i> spacecraft is easy to fly, and there's no chance that anything could go wrong.</p> <p>B. The <i>Dragon</i> practically flies itself, but there's a chance something could go wrong during flight.</p> <p>C. The <i>Dragon</i> is difficult to control, which makes it likely that something will go wrong.</p> <p>D. The history of space travel has seen many accidents.</p>	<p>4. According to the article, what is one potential cause of fire aboard the <i>Dragon</i>?</p> <p>A. overheating batteries</p> <p>B. malfunctioning touch-screen controls</p> <p>C. science experiments involving dangerous chemicals</p> <p>D. none of the above</p>
<p>2. According to the article, Inspiration4 is a historic space mission because it</p> <p>A. is the first time the <i>Dragon</i> spacecraft has been launched into space.</p> <p>B. is being led by a billionaire CEO.</p> <p>C. is the first orbital mission with an all-civilian crew.</p> <p>D. requires more training than any other space mission.</p>	<p>5. The length of the mission is a risk because</p> <p>A. space travel has long-term effects on astronauts' physical health.</p> <p>B. the ship's batteries get hotter over time.</p> <p>C. the longer a craft is in space, the more air leaks out, causing depressurization.</p> <p>D. the longer a craft is in space, the more chances there are that something could go wrong.</p>
<p>3. The section of the article titled "A New Kind of Training" is mostly about</p> <p>A. Jared Isaacman's experience as a pilot.</p> <p>B. how the <i>Dragon</i> spacecraft is controlled.</p> <p>C. how the <i>Dragon</i> will dock at the International Space Station.</p> <p>D. how technology has changed over the course of space-travel history.</p>	<p>6. Which word best describes Isaacman's tone at the end of the article?</p> <p>A. hesitant</p> <p>B. fearful</p> <p>C. confident</p> <p>D. brash</p>

7. Explain why using description is essential to the article's purpose.
