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Kalpana Chawla - Answer Key

Read each question and circle the correct answer.

1. At age three, Kalpana Chawla became fascinated with {}.

- A. rockets
- ☒ B. planes
- C. cars
- D. trains

2. What does the name Kalpana mean?

- A. Creativity
- B. Intelligence
- C. Courage
- ☒ D. Imagination

3. Which of these obstacles did Chawla face on her path to becoming an astronaut?

- A. Her family did not have the money to send her to college.
- ☒ B. Some professors said that aerospace engineering was too hard for a woman.
- C. She had to move to an unfamiliar country to get her bachelor's degree.
- D. She applied to NASA three times before getting a job.

4. On her first mission to space, Chawla {}.

- ☒ A. orbited Earth for 15 days
- B. traveled to the International Space Station
- C. repaired a malfunctioning satellite
- D. walked on the moon

5. True or False: After the Columbia disaster, satellites and schools were named in Chawla's honor.

- ☒ A. True
- B. False