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Date _____

Kalpana Chawla

Read each question and circle the correct answer.

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

A. rockets

C. cars

B. planes

D. trains

2. What does the name Kalpana mean?

A. Creativity

C. Courage

B. Intelligence

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.

C. Some professors said that aerospace engineering was too hard for a woman.

B. 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

C. repaired a malfunctioning satellite

B. traveled to the International Space Station

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