CLASS NOTES-ANSWERS

- 1) Answer the following questions briefly.
 - a) How does a planet differ from a star?

Planet	Star	
Some celestial bodies do not	Some celestial bodies are	
have their own heat and light.	very big and hot. They are	
They are lit by the heat and	made up of gases, and they	
light of the stars. These bodies	have their own heat and light.	
are called planets.	These celestial bodies are	
	called stars.	
Example – Earth, Venus etc.	Example – Sun	

b) What is meant by the 'Solar System'?

Answer: The Sun, the eight planets, satellites and some other celestial bodies known as meteoroids and asteroids form the solar system.

- c) Name all the planets according to their distance from the sun.

 Answer: Mercury, Venus, Earth, Mars, Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus, and Neptune.
- d) Why is the Earth called a unique planet?
 Answer: The Earth is regarded as a unique planet because of the following reasons:
- i) It is the only planet known to support life. It has oxygen and water present in proportions that allow life to thrive.
- ii) It also has a temperature range that supports life.

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- iii) The proportion of water present is about two-thirds of the surface of the earth when compared to land.
- e) Why do we see only one side of the moon always?

 Answer: One revolution of the moon around the earth takes about
 27 days. Incidentally, the moon's rotation about its own axis also
 takes nearly the same time. One day of the moon is equal to 27 Earth

takes nearly the same time. One day of the moon is equal to 27 Earth days. So only one side of the moon can be seen from the earth.

f) What is the universe?

Answer: Millions of galaxies together form the universe. A galaxy is a huge system of billions of stars and clouds of dust and gases.

2) Tick the correct answer.

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a) The planet known as the "Earth Twin" is		
a) Jupiter	b) Saturn	Venus
b) Which is the third nearest planet to the Sun?		
a) Venus	b Earth	c) Mercury
c) All the planets move around the sun in a		
a) Circular path	EI	ongated path
b) Rectangular pat	h	
d) The Pole star indicates the direction to the		
a) South	North	c) East
e) Asteroids are found between the orbits of		
a) Saturn and Jupit	c) Th	he Earth and Mars
Mars and Jupite	r	

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- 3) Fill in the blanks.
 - a) A group of Stars forming various patterns is called a Constellation.
 - b) A huge system of stars is called a galaxy.
 - c) Moon is the closest celestial body to Earth.
 - d) Earth is the third nearest planet to the Sun.
 - e) Planets do not have their own heat and light.

