**Space mining – examples of good papers**

**Question 1**

According to the journalist, NASA's latest lunar exploration program, which will include a woman for the first time, stands out by its philosophy. Indeed, through this exploration setting, NASA has shown its will to normalise celestial resource trading. In fact, it is relying on private companies to proceed. NASA needs these lunar soil samples in order to prepare astronauts to live off the planets they land on, and use local resources. In order to respect the Outer Space Treaty, NASA's Artemis Accords, strongly inspired by the ones about oceans exploitation, were unveiled.  (92 words)

**Question 2**

As resources get scarcer by the day on Earth, some are asking themselves if mining in space can be the solution?

While it sounds tempting, space mining may just shift our attention away from the root of this problem, that every resource is finite, in that recycling used goods should be our priority.

On the other hand, we should not underestimate the scale of our universe, our Earth is tiny next to the Sun, and the amount of resources available in our solar system alone is astonishing. Take asteroids for example, some have been found to contain more than Earth’s supply of some rare resources, notably platinum and deuterium (which is essential for fusion reactors). Also as a silver lining, the commercial value of space mining might just re-kindle public and private interest in space exploration, as people always follow the money trail, which could in turn bring back funding into space research - which is responsible for some of the biggest discoveries but is lacking funding today.

Seeing how critically problems on earth are handled, I believe space might just be our last hope, as seen in sci-fi, were so many human civilizations are forced to abandon their homeworld to sail into to the great unknown. (207 words)