

1 Krakauer's account of commercial Everest expeditions may be regarded as

- a. praise for commercialism
- b. love of commercialism
- c. criticizing excessive commercialism
- d. dislike for Taiwanese expeditions
- e. dislike for South African expeditions

2 Krakauer climbed with

- a. Adventure Consultants
- b. Mount Madness
- c. Himalayan Adventures
- d. North Face Adventure Expeditions

3 Beck Weathers climbed with

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- b. Mount Madness
- c. Himalayan Adventures
- d. North Face Adventure Expeditions

4 In 1953, the great climber Edmund Hillary conquered Everest. Hundreds of great climbers followed him in the years to come. In 1985, Dick Bass climbed Everest after the hundreds who came before him.

So what was distinctive about Dick Bass's climb to the summit of Everest?

- a. He was the second man to climb Everest.
- b. He was the first to climb without oxygen and paved the way for later athletes
- c. He was the first to die.
- d. He was the first amateur to climb by paying a team of experts to take him up.

5 What is Pete Athens' complaint about the new Everest clients?

- a. Too messy
- b. Too aggressive
- c. Too amateurish
- d. Too many foreigners

6 Who is Rob Hall? What is his company?

- a. Owner of Mountain Madness
- b. Owner of Everest Expeditions Inc.
- c. Owner of Adventure Consultants
- d. Owner of Himalayan Adventures.com

7 Who is Scott Fischer? What is his company?

- a. Owner of Mountain Madness
- b. Owner of Everest Expeditions Inc.
- c. Owner of Adventure Consultants
- d. Owner of Himalayan Adventures.com

8 Fischer was under considerable pressure in the year 1996. Explain.

- a. He was new to the field
- b. He had failed to get anyone to the top last year
- c. A client died last year (1995)
- d. He had gone bankrupt in 1995 – and needed money

9 Who was Doug Hansen? Why was he frustrated by his Everest experience?

- a. He was a tour leader whose clients had failed to reach the top
- b. He was a postal worker who failed last year.
- c. He went blind while climbing

10 Jon Krakauer writes the account of this Everest climb. What was his person climbing experience and expertise?

- a. Everest expert
- b. North American high peak expert
- c. Rock climber
- d. No experience

11 To acclimatize is

- A To get used to high altitude atmosphere
- B The climate of the mountains
- C To climb a high mountain
- D To speak the language of the mountains

12 A gale is

- A. snow
- B. Ice
- C. Wind
- D. avalanche
- E spike

13 Apex

- A. Top
- B. Bottom
- C. Middle
- D. An abyss

14 Escarpment

- A an ice pick
- B to escape
- C avalanche
- D steep slope

15 Adventure Consultants is

- A Hall's group
- B Fischer's group
- C Makalu's group
- D. Woodall's group

16 Mountain Madness is

- A. Halls group
- B. Fischer's group
- C. Makalu's group
- D. Woodall's group

17 Andy Harris climbs with

- A Mountain Madness
- B Adventure Consultants
- C. Woodall's South Africans
- D. The Taiwanese

18 Mike Groom climbs with

- A Mountain Madness
- B Adventure Consultants
- C. Woodall's South Africans
- D. The Taiwanese

19 Anatoli Boukreev climbs with

- A Mountain Madness B Adventure Consultants
C.

20 Neil Beidleman climbs with

- A Mountain Madness B Adventure Consultants
C. Woodall's South Africans D. The Taiwanese

21 John Krakauer climbs with

- A Mountain Madness B Adventure Consultants
C. Woodall's South Africans D. Taiwanese

22 Yasuko Namba climbs with

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23 Beck Weathers climbs with

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24 Sandy Hill Pittman climbs with

- A Mountain Madness B Adventure Consultants
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25 Doug Hansen climbs with

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26 Makalu Gau climbs with

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- 27 Why does Krakauer hate the Taiwanese expedition?**
- Too aggressive
 - Too polluting
 - Too amateurish
 - Low quality climbing equipment
- 29 What does Krakauer say about the South African expedition? Explain Woodall.**
- He charges too much to unsuspecting customers.
 - He dirties the mountain with trash
 - He is a crook with little real experience.
- 30 Who was Andy Harris?**
- Client, Mountain Madness
 - Client Adventure Consultants
 - Client, Himalayan Adventures
 - Guide Adventure Consultants
 - Guide, Himalayan Adventures
- 31 How does the “solo climber” climbing down in defeat impress Krakauer, Rob Hall, and Andy Harris?**
- He ascended without oxygen
 - He reached the top alone
 - He survived the avalanche
 - He sensibly turned around before reaching the top
 - He saved a fellow climber’s life.
- 32 How is a commercial expedition different from a traditional Everest expedition?**
- A commercial expedition is financed by a large corporation.
 - A commercial expedition has only expert professional climbers.
 - A commercial expedition brings amateurs to the top for a fee.
- 33 What is a “PREDETERMINED TURN-AROUND TIME”**
- The Nepalese government gives an expedition exactly one week to climb Everest
 - Rob Hall gives his clients exactly one week to climb Everest – no more and no less,
 - Rob Hall gives his clients the order to give up the climb if they’re not to the top by 1 PM or 2 PM
- 34 Describe the South COL.**
- The Base Camp - the starting point of the expedition -17000 feet.
 - Camp II - 28000 feet
 - The apex of Everest – the top – at 29035 feet
 - The starting point for the climb to the top of Everest – 26000 feet
- 35 Which three expeditions (one in defiance of a promise to wait) will make the summit attempt on May 10?**
- Mountain Madness, Adventure Consultants, and Himalayan Adventures
 - Mountain Madness, the Taiwanese, and Himalayan Adventures
 - Mountain Madness, Adventure Consultants, and Himalayan Adventures
 - Mountain Madness, Adventure Consultants, and the Taiwanese expedition
- 36 Who will climb without bottled oxygen on May 10, 1996?**
- Rob Hall and Jon Krakauer
 - Anatoli Boukreev and Lobsang Jangbu
 - Andy Harris and Scott Fischer
 - Lene Gammelgaard and Stuart Hutchison
- 37 What is short roping? Who will use it? On whom? What might be going on behind the scenes?**
- Lene Gammelgaard might be paying Ang Dorje money to pull her up on a rope
 - Sandy Hill Pittman might be paying Lobsang Jangbu to pull her up on a rope
 - Beck Weathers might be paying Rob Hall to pull him up on a rope.
 - Tom Madsen might be paying Anatoli Boukreev to pull him up on a rope.

- 38 What is Jon Krakauer's main emotion as he stands at the top of Mount Everest?**
a. regret b. happiness c. detachment d. nostalgia
- 39 Which of the following items is an example of foreshadowing?**
a. Krakauer's eating noodle soup and candies
b. Krakauer's early mention of the number of people who are amateurs climbing Everest.
c. The blanket of clouds Krakauer sees when he turns to take photographs from the top
d. Krakauer's references to money people paid to be guided on the climb
- 40 Why does Krakauer feel better after Harris turns the valve on the regulator?**
a. Krakauer is happy to have seen another climber.
b. Harris gives Krakauer a pep talk.
c. Krakauer realizes that he thinks clearer if he breathes more deeply.
d. Harris accidentally increases the oxygen flow.
- 41 Which of the following words best summarizes Krakauer's feeling about everything that happens on the mountain?**
a. quietly horrified b. totally impressed c. utterly disinterested d. truly enchanted
- 42 Under the circumstances, the conversation between Rob Hall and his wife is best described as**
a. tragic b. comical c. absurd d. romantically exciting
- 43 Tom Hornbein seems convinced that many future Everest expeditions are likely to**
a. be cancelled b. be easy c. win praise d. end in disaster
- 44 When Beck Weathers finally stumbles into camp, he is described as looking like a**
a. smiling and excited ghost
b. creature from a horror movie
c. delighted white rabbit
d. frowning snowman with mittens
- 45 When he has to make a difficult decision about Namba's and Weathers's fate, Hutchison consults with**
a. Hall b. Krakauer c. Weathers d. the Sherpa guide
- 46 A boss among Sherpa Everest workers is known as a**
a. Sherpasingha b. Lama c. Sirdar d. honcho
- 47 A member of people originally from Tibet who live on the southern Himalayan slopes in Nepal and Sikkim.**
a. Sherpa b. Sirdar c. Parvenus d. Centurians e. The Han People
- 48 A waterfall that has frozen solid**
a. belay b. Icefall c. Lama d. glacier e. rappel
- 49 A ridge, pinnacle, or block of ice in the crevasses or slope or a glacier**
a. stalactite b. serac c. theodolite d. glacier
- 50 Head guide and owner of Adventure Consultants and has summited the tallest mountain in each of the 7 continents in a period of only 7 months.**
a. Andy Harris
b. Doug Hansen
c. Rob Hall

- 51 **An Australian guide with Adventure Consultants.**
- a Ang Dorje Sherpa
 - b Scott Fischer
 - c Mike Groom
 - d Stuart Hutchison
- 52 **Rob Hall's number one sherpa.**
- a Tee han Yee
 - b Sun Yat Sen
 - c Ang Dorjee
 - d Cho En Lai
- 53 **A postal worker who climbed Everest one year before but had to turn back just a few hundred feet from the summit.**
- a Scott Fischer
 - b Beck Weathers
 - c Doug Hansen
- 54 **He is left for dead with Yasuko Namba when their group gets lost on the way down from the mountain.**
- A Stuart Hutchison
 - B Scott Fischer
 - C **Beck Weathers**
 - D Mike Groom
 - E Doug Hansen
- 55 **A world respected Russian climber who had previously summited Everest with no supplemental oxygen.**
- a Bud Jones
 - b Anatoli Boukreev
 - c Antonin Borokovsky
 - d Boris Spasky
- 56 **A guide with Fischer's service.**
- a Mike Wallace
 - b Mike Groom
 - c Neal Beidleman
 - d Doug Hansen
- 57 **Fischer's head sherpa.**
- a Ang Lei Han
 - b Makalu Gau
 - c Ang Dorjee
 - d Lopsang Jangbu
- 58 **One of the clients with Scott Fischer's guide service who is lost for a while during the storm on the Col.**
- a Rob Hall
 - b Beck Weathers
 - c Ian Woodall
 - d Sandy Pittman
- 59 **The leader of the South African expedition.**
- a Ginger Baker
 - b Tim Madsen
 - c Ian Woodall
 - d Makalu Gau
- 60 **The leader of the Tiawanese climbing group.**
- a Chou En Lai
 - b Makalu Gau
 - c Shaolian Bei
 - d Earl C. Washington III

- 61 **A small-time celebrity employee of NBC who is along on the expedition to dispatch media files.**
- a Chris Hallings
 - b Jim Madsen
 - c Tim Russert
 - d Sandy Pittman
- 62 **This idea means that a climber will risk his or her own life to help another.**
- a Loyalty Among Teammates
 - b Trust Among Teammates
 - c Commercialism on Everest
- 63 **Each climber is there for himself. This attitude represents *what* – in Krakauer’s view?**
- a Life questions that cannot be answered
 - b Arrogance: believing that nature can be tamed.
 - c Solitude and Self-Reliance to the point of selfishness.
- 64 **Fischer claims that he has built a yellow brick road to the summit. To Krakauer, this is an example of**
- a Commercialism on Everest to the point of deception.
 - b Arrogance: believing that one man has the key to everything.
 - c Trust Among Teammates to the point of foolishness.
- 65 **What was Krakauer's climbing experience prior to Everest?**
- (A) He was a climber skilled and experienced at high altitudes.
 - (B) He didn't have much climbing experience at all.
 - (C) He had a lot of climbing experience, but not at high altitudes.
 - (D) He climbed Andean mountains as a hobby while he was a teenager.
- 66 **Who was Krakauer's head guide and owner?**
- (A) Scott Fischer
 - (B) Rob Hall
 - (C) Anatoli Boukreev
 - (D) Ang Dorje
- 67 **Who was Rob Hall's main Sherpa?**
- (A) Ang Dorje
 - (B) Lopsang Sherpa
 - (C) Ngawang Sherpa
 - (D) Anatoli Boukreev
- 68 **How long had Rob Hall been guiding at Adventure Consultants?**
- (A) 1996 was his first year.
 - (B) Since 1957
 - (C) Since he was nineteen years old
 - (D) Since 1992
- 69 **How good was Rob Hall's track record as a guide?**
- (A) Mediocre—he had gotten a few clients to the summit, but not many.
 - (B) Hall suffered a lack of respect from the climbing community when he became a guide.
 - (C) A great record — in five years, Hall guided thirty-nine clients to the peak of Everest.
 - (D) Hall had a good reputation, but not as good as Scott Fischer's.
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 - (D) Scott had a good reputation as a climber, but this was his first year guiding commercial expeditions.
- 71 **How would you characterize Rob Hall and Scott Fischer's relationship?**
- (A) The two men were life-long friends.
 - (B) The men were friends and climbing companions, but competitors for the same business.
 - (C) The men did not like each other, as they ran competitive businesses.
 - (D) The men did not know one another before the 1996 climb.

- 72 Which of the following people reached the summit by 2:00 pm, not too long after the turn-around time?
 (A) Rob Hall (B) Scott Fischer
 (C) Doug Hansen (D) Jon Krakauer
- 73 Which of the guides descends the summit long before the clients of Mountain Madness?
 (A) Andy Harris
 (B) Anatoli Boukreev
 (C) Lopsang Sherpa
 (D) Rob Hall
- 74 Which of the following clients is not later rescued by Anatoli Boukreev?
 (A) Yasuko Namba
 (B) Tim Madsen
 (C) Charlotte Fox
 (D) Sandy Pittman
- 75 Who, suffering from oxygen starvation, tells the climbers that the oxygen canisters at the South Summit are empty?
 (A) Rob Hall
 (B) Mike Groom
 (C) Andy Harris
 (D) Doug Hansen
- 76 Why does Lopsang Sherpa refuse to deliver oxygen to Hall and Hansen who are stranded on the summit?
 (A) As Fischer's Sherpa, he naturally wants to find and assist Fischer.
 (B) He is too tired to climb to the top.
 (C) He does not want to help Hall because Hall has criticized him.
 (D) The oxygen canisters are all empty – why try?
- 77 Why won't Hall leave the summit, even though he knows that staying will probably result in his own death?
 (A) He is too tired to climb down.
 (B) He is out of supplemental oxygen, and he is no longer thinking clearly.
 (C) He will not leave Doug Hansen, who is too incapacitated to climb down on his own.
 (D) The ropes on the summit have become unfastened.
- 78 Many problems on the climb are caused by people who refuse to admit their
 a. hunger b. weaknesses c. fears d. homesickness
- 79 One troublesome effect of the decreasing oxygen is that the climbers
 a. have impaired judgment b. become constantly irritable
 c. refuse to eat or drink d. can no longer see clearly
- 80 Krakauer experiences all of the following effects of being in a high altitude *except*
 a. sleeplessness b. frostbite c. exhaustion d. lack of appetite
- 81 Krakauer implies that an underlying reason for many climbers' foolish decisions is
 a. their desire to travel home as quickly as possible – and a determination to get it over with.
 b. their failure to dress appropriately for the cold weather
 c. the amount of money they spent on the expedition, and a determination to make it worthwhile.
 d. their dislike of snow, ice, and wind
- 82 Based on the descriptions in this account, Mount Everest is best described as
 a. magical b. uncaring c. not as difficult to conquer as some have claimed d. charming
- 83 Most tragic events on the mountain are caused by

- a. decisions made in anger b. understandable mistakes c. excessive fear d. inexperienced guides

84 Beck Weathers becomes stranded alone because of all of the following conditions except

- a. He has difficulty seeing.
- b. The guide asks him to wait.
- c. He loses one of his gloves.
- d. He chooses not to follow Krakauer down.

85 It is after dark on May10. What is Rob Hall doing near the top of Everest?

- a. Trying to save Makalu Gau
- b. Trying to save Doug Hansen
- c. He is too sick to move effectively
- d. He has fallen unconscious

86 It is after dark on May10. What is Scott Fischer doing near the top of Everest?

- a. Trying to save Makalu Gau.
- b. Trying to save Doug Hansen.
- c. He is too sick to move down effectively.
- d. He has fallen off the slope.
- e. Heart attack.

87 It is after dark on May10. What is Makalu Gau doing near the top of Everest?

- a. Trying to save Rob Hall.
- b. Trying to save Doug Hansen.
- c. He is too sick to move effectively.
- d. He has become lost and has fallen behind his sherpas.
- e. Heart attack.

88 It is after dark on May10. Where is Jon Krakauer?

- a. Trying to save Makalu Gau.
- b. Trying to save Doug Hansen.
- c. He is too sick to move effectively.
- d. He has fallen off the slope.
- e. He is in his tent resting after the climb.

89 It is after dark on May10. What is Beck Weathers sitting in the snow for?

- a. Blinded, he is waiting for Rob Hall to return to him.
- b. He was trying to save Doug Hansen – before the heart attack.
- c. Blinded, he is too sick to move effectively.
- d. Blinded, he has fallen off the slope.

90 It is well after dark on May10. Where are Sandy Hill, Tim Madsen, Lene Gamelgaard, and others?

- a. Trying to save Makalu Gau in the storm.
- b. Trying to save Doug Hansen in the storm.
- c. Too sick to move effectively.
- d. Wandering lost in a storm on the South Col.
- e. Stuck at the summit of Everest in a freak storm.

91 Incredibly, Rob Hall

- a. Died instantly
- b. Had a heart attack despite his youth
- c. Survived all night at the Hillary Step
- d. Fell off the mountain in the blinding storm.

92 Why didn't Rob Hall come down the mountain?

- a. He was too ill.
- b. He felt responsible for having dragged Doug Hansen into a deadly situation.
- c. He felt responsible for having dragged Scott Fischer into a deadly situation.
- d. He felt responsible for having dragged Makalu Gau into a deadly situation.

93 Almost everyone would agree that Rob Hall died

- a. Heroically.
- b. Cowardly.
- c. Sickly.
- d. Instantly.
- e. Happily.

94 Almost everyone would agree that Scott Fischer died

- a. Heroically.
- b. Cowardly.
- c. Because of a sad and unpredictable health development.
- d. Instantly because of an unpredictable heart attack.
- e. Happily in the knowledge that his friend – Makalu Gau – would survive.

95 Almost everyone would agree that Makalu Gau

- a. Died heroically at 27000 feet
- b. Died cowardly at 27000 feet
- c. Survived - incredibly - all night alone at 27000 feet.
- d. Was the bravest of the sherpas

96 A “col” is

- A A climber with little experience at high altitudes
- B A mountain next to Everest
- C A low area between two peaks
- D The summit of a mountain
- E The foothills near a high mountain

97 A “CWM” is

- A A climber who does high altitude climbing
- B A mountain next to Everest
- C A flat area between two peaks
- D The summit of a mountain
- E A tilted valley in a mountain range.

98 Where does the “death zone” begin?

- a. 17,000-18,000 feet
- b. 20,000-22,000 feet
- c. 25,000-26,000 feet
- d. 28,000-29,000 feet

99 Does Jon Krakauer think that Everest expeditions can and should be made safer?

- a. Yes! With an aggressive program of climbing regulation, we can make Everest safe.
- b. No! Nothing can be done to change things.
- c. Perhaps a little education about the risks is the best we can hope for.
- d. “Stop worrying,” says Krakauer. People enjoy risks, and that’s just fine with him.