The Everest Story

1 Which of these people . . .? Tom Bourdillon, Jochen Hemmleb, George Mallory, Noel Odell, Andrew Waugh
   a . . . gave Everest its name? ......................
   b . . . wanted to put a photo of his wife on the summit of Everest? ......................
   c . . . was the last person to see George Mallory and Andrew Irvine? ......................
   d . . . nearly reached the summit of Everest with Charlie Evans in 1953? ......................
   e . . . became interested in the question of the 1924 expedition in the 1980s? ......................

20 marks

2 What are these pieces of climbing equipment? Match a number from A with a letter from B.

A
   1 ___ crampons
   2 ___ goggles
   3 ___ rucksack
   4 ___ sleeping bag
   5 ___ torch

B
   a a bag which you put all your things in; you carry it on your back
   b a comfortable warm thing which you can get into at night
   c sharp metal plates which you put onto the bottom of your boots when you are climbing
   d a small electric light; you can hold it in your hand or put it on your head
   e big glasses that people wear for climbing; they keep the sun or snow out of your eyes

20 marks

3 When did it happen? 1865, 1924, 1953, 1980, 1999
   a Reinhold Messner climbed Everest alone and without oxygen. ......................
   b Mallory and Irvine disappeared on Everest. ......................
   c Everest first got its British name. ......................
   d An expedition found Mallory’s body. ......................
   e Hillary and Tenzing reached the summit of Everest. ......................

20 marks

4 Are these sentences true (T) or false (F)?
   a ___ Everest is between India and Nepal.
   b ___ Everest is 8,850 metres above sea level.
   c ___ The first British expedition went to Everest in 1921.
   d ___ Mallory was wearing a lot of very warm clothes when he died.
   e ___ Mallory and Irvine used oxygen for some of their climb.
   f ___ Tenzing and Hillary stayed at the summit of Everest for a short time.
   g ___ Reinhold Messner came to Everest and camped alone for weeks.
   h ___ In 1980, they found Irvine’s body.
   i ___ Mallory is buried on Everest.
   j ___ People are now sure that Mallory and Irvine reached the top of Everest.

20 marks

5 Which country . . .? Britain, China, Nepal, New Zealand, Tibet
   a was Tenzing Norgay from? ......................
   b sent nine climbers to the summit in 1975? ......................
   c was Edmund Hillary from? ......................
   d gave Everest the name Chomolungma? ......................
   e was George Everest from? ......................

20 marks

Total marks
## Places

### Choose the best answer.

1. Everest is between Tibet and _____.
   - a. Nepal
   - b. Afghanistan
   - c. India
   - d. Pakistan

2. The people of Tibet call Everest _____.
   - a. Lhotse
   - b. Himalaya
   - c. Chomolungma
   - d. Sagarmatha

3. Before 1950 climbers went through the country of _____ to get to Everest.
   - a. Tibet
   - b. Pakistan
   - c. India
   - d. Nepal

4. Rongbuk is the highest _____ in the world.
   - a. river
   - b. town
   - c. camp
   - d. monastery

5. The North Col is a _____ on the north ridge of Everest.
   - a. glacier
   - b. small flat place
   - c. village
   - d. big rock

6. The Khumbu Icefall is a _____ on Everest.
   - a. big hole in the ice
   - b. slope of icy rocks
   - c. small glacier
   - d. large wall of broken ice

7. Reinhold Messner nearly died when he fell _____ and his head torch went out.
   - a. from a rock
   - b. down a glacier
   - c. into a crevasse
   - d. off the summit

8. George Mallory died _____.
   - a. in a Tibetan monastery
   - b. near the summit of Everest
   - c. in a camp at the North Col
   - d. in a tent under the North East Ridge

9. George Mallory’s body is _____.
   - a. in a church in London
   - b. in a monastery in Tibet
   - c. in a small village in Nepal
   - d. under some rocks on Everest

10. When Hillary and Tenzing searched for Mallory’s things at the top of Everest, they found _____.
    - a. nothing
    - b. his tent
    - c. his ice axe
    - d. his camera

## People

### Choose the best answer.

11. Everest is named after a British soldier who _____.
    - a. looked for rocks
    - b. made maps
    - c. climbed Everest
    - d. travelled all over the world

12. George Mallory was _____ climber.
    - a. an American
    - b. an Australian
    - c. a British
    - d. a French

13. On the 1924 expedition, _____ was the chief climber.
    - a. Edward Norton
    - b. George Mallory
    - c. Edmund Hillary
    - d. Reinhold Messner

14. The last person to see Mallory and Irvine was _____.
    - a. Semchumbi
    - b. Somervell
    - c. Norton
    - d. Odell

15. Tenzing Norgay came from _____.
    - a. Nepal
    - b. Tibet
    - c. New Zealand
    - d. India

16. In 1953 Edmund Hillary and Tenzing Norgay climbed as far as _____.
    - a. the North Col
    - b. the top of Everest
    - c. the Second Step
    - d. the Third Step

17. Reinhold Messner was the first person to climb Everest alone and without _____.
    - a. snow goggles
    - b. an ice axe
    - c. a torch
    - d. oxygen

18. Reinhold Messner made a camp on Everest with _____.
    - a. some Tibetan porters
    - b. some German climbers
    - c. his girlfriend
    - d. his brother

19. Jochen Hemmleb wanted to find out about the story of _____.
    - a. Reinhold Messner
    - b. Hillary and Tenzing
    - c. Mallory and Irvine
    - d. Somervell and Norton

20 marks
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20 George Mallory had a photo of his _____ when he climbed Everest.
   a son  b daughter  c mother  d wife
   [20 marks]

Facts

Choose the best answer.

21 Everest is the _____ mountain in the world.
   a widest  b narrowest  c steepest  d highest
   [20 marks]

22 Everest is ______ metres above sea level.
   a 4,360  b 6,830  c 8,850  d 10,550
   [20 marks]

23 There is very little _____ in the air on Everest.
   a oxygen  b wind  c snow  d water
   [20 marks]

24 When people climb above 5,000 metres, they usually start to feel ______.
   a happy  b ill  c well  d excited
   [20 marks]

25 Everest was once under ______.
   a the sea  b a forest  c a beach  d fields
   [20 marks]

26 In 1856 Andrew Waugh ______.
   a tried to climb Everest  b visited a monastery near Everest
   c painted a picture of Everest  d said that Everest was the highest mountain in the world
   [20 marks]

27 On Everest there are sometimes winds of up to ______ kph.
   a 20  b 50  c 100  d 200
   [20 marks]

28 Every few days there is ______ on the top of Everest.
   a heavy rain  b new snow  c warm sun  d a thunder storm
   [20 marks]

29 When people looked for Mallory’s body on Everest they found ______ dead climbers.
   a two  b three  c six  d twenty
   [20 marks]

30 People have never found Mallory’s ______.
   a watch  b camera  c snow goggles  d knife
   [20 marks]

Vocabulary

Choose the best answer.

31 to move slowly on your hands and knees
   a crawl  b attempt  c slip  d slide
   [20 marks]

32 when you feel very tired
   a extinct  b expedition  c excellent  d exhausted
   [20 marks]

33 the soft thick hair of sheep
   a wool  b wood  c fur  d yak
   [20 marks]

34 very small
   a huge  b wide  c tiny  d narrow
   [20 marks]

35 to fall down suddenly because you feel ill
   a bury  b collapse  c cough  d jump
   [20 marks]

36 a person whose job is to carry things
   a porter  b climber  c soldier  d camper
   [20 marks]

37 when your fingers or toes are damaged by very cold temperatures
   a shiver  b sunburn  c frostbite  d sprain
   [20 marks]

38 to begin a journey
   a let out  b set out  c look out  d find out
   [20 marks]

39 the narrow part around the middle of your body
   a weight  b worst  c waste  d waist
   [20 marks]

40 special things that you need for doing something
   a load  b equipment  c height  d temperature
   [20 marks]
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Events

Choose the best answer.

41 George Mallory first went to Everest in _____.
   a □ 1912   b □ 1921   c □ 1924   d □ 1930

42 On the 1922 expedition seven porters were killed _____.
   a □ in an avalanche   b □ on a glacier  
   c □ by the thin air   d □ by frostbite

43 On the 1924 expedition Edward Norton _____.
   a □ fell and died   b □ broke his leg  
   c □ climbed close to the summit
   d □ reached the summit

44 Mallory and Irvine died on Everest in _____.
   a □ 1921   b □ 1924   c □ 1930   d □ 1934

45 Odell sent a message about Mallory and Irving using two _____.
   a □ big rucksacks   b □ dark rocks  
   c □ black sleeping bags   d □ long ice axes

46 In 1951 the Swiss climber Raymond Lambert nearly reached the summit of Everest with _____.
   a □ Edmund Hillary   b □ Tenzing Norgay 
   c □ John Hunt   d □ Reinhold Messner

47 Edmund Hillary and Tenzing Norgay stayed at the top of Everest for _____.
   a □ fifteen minutes   b □ two hours  
   c □ one night   d □ two days

48 At the top of Everest, Edmund Hillary left _____.
   a □ his camera   b □ a book  
   c □ a photo of his wife   d □ a small crucifix

49 George Mallory’s body was different from the other bodies because he wasn’t wearing _____.
   a □ snow boots   b □ a big coat  
   c □ clothes in bright colours   d □ a hat

50 Jochen Hemmleb’s expedition found Mallory’s body in _____.
   a □ 1924   b □ 1953   c □ 1980   d □ 1999

20 marks

Total marks