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HKDSE MOCK EXAM (2019)
ENGLISH LANGUAGE
PAPER 1 PART A
QUESTION-ANSWER BOOK

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COMPULSORY

Write your Candidate Number and your name in the spaces provided on this page.
 Read Text 1 and answer questions 1–23. (43 marks)

Text 1

1. Jon Krakauer's quote in line 1 suggests that he thinks his actions were ...

- A. unknown.
 B. irrational.
 C. honest.
 D. considerate.

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2. What does 'the publication' (line 3) refer to? _____

3. According to paragraph 3, why did Krakauer go to Everest?

4. Find two words or phrases in paragraph 4 that can be replaced by 'top of the mountain'. (2 marks)

(i) _____

(ii) _____

5. According to paragraphs 3–4, decide whether the following statements are True (T), False (F) or Not Given (NG). (3 marks)

Statements

- (i) The Everest ascent Krakauer documented is the deadliest ever.
 (ii) The approach to tackling the mountain changed over the years.
 (iii) Mallory and Irvine were the first people to reach the peak of Everest.

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6. What other phrase does the writer use in paragraph 5 to refer to ‘the Cold War’ (line 16)?

7. Complete the summary of paragraphs 5–7 by writing ONE word in each blank. You should make sure your answers are grammatically correct. (6 marks)

During the Cold War, there were severe (i) _____ on who could
(ii) _____ Everest. In Nepal, for example, foreigners were only given a
(iii) _____ if their expeditions included (iv) _____.
Following the (v) _____ of the permitting process, the number of climbers
increased by approximately (vi) _____ per cent.

8. Based on the information in the text, what event did ‘Krakauer’s 1997 book *Into Thin Air*’ (line 31) most likely describe?

9. What are the pros and cons of hiring Sherpas as guides? (2 marks)

(i) Positive: _____

(ii) Negative: _____

10. According to paragraph 9, what could be the consequence of the alarming increase in climbers on Everest?

11. (i) In paragraph 10, what metaphor does the writer use to describe the situation on the mountain after Krakauer’s ascent? (1 mark)

- (ii) Explain the meaning of this metaphor. (1 mark)

12. Below is a summary of paragraphs 9–10. In three of the lines, there is ONE mistake. If you find a mistake, underline it and replace the word with one that expresses the correct idea. Write the word in the box on the right. Both grammar and spelling must be correct. In one of the lines there is no mistake; put a tick (✓) in the box. The first one has been done for you. (4 marks)

	Summary	Correction
e.g.	Because of the <u>crowds</u> at base camp, more people were able	improvements
(i)	to predictably scale the mountain. The better tracking of	
(ii)	technology also helped in this. Krakauer went to Everest to	
(iii)	write about how the place had turned into a destination for	
(iv)	climbers, and ended up summiting the mountain himself.	

13. Which of the following best describes Hillary's tone in paragraph 11?

- A. resigned
B. scathing
C. sarcastic
D. pleading

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14. Based on the information in paragraph 12, Burleson's actions during the rescue must have been ...

- A. futile
B. perilous.
C. admirable.
D. misguided.

A B C D
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15. Find a word in paragraphs 11–13 which has a similar meaning to each word given below. (4 marks)

- (i) 'sort' _____
(ii) 'given' _____
(iii) 'role' _____
(iv) 'rapidly' _____

16. What does 'The new demand for Everest expeditions outpaced the supply' (line 57) mean?

There were not enough _____

17. What does 'Those firms' (lines 58–59) refer to?

18. According to paragraph 14, why are Everest quests so long and expensive?

19. What is the ‘certain requisite experience’ the author refers to in line 63?

20. Do you agree with Krakauer that ‘Attempting to climb Everest is an intrinsically irrational act’ (line 67)? Provide evidence from the text to support your answer.

21. Which of the following is the best title for this article?

- A. How mountaineering agencies have failed climbers
- B. The danger at the top
- C. How Mount Everest became a tourist destination
- D. A brief history of Mount Everest attempts

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22. Why do you think climbing Everest holds so much appeal to so many people?

23. Two friends are discussing part of the article (paragraphs 7–16). Use the information from the text to match each statement in the speech bubbles with a paragraph that contains similar ideas. Write the number of the paragraph next to the speech bubble. Each paragraph number can be used once only. Some paragraph numbers are not used. The first two have been done for you as examples.

(5 marks)

Josephine



Paragraph
e.g. 16

I believe that the people who willingly expose themselves to danger in this way are out of their mind.

Paragraph
(i) _____

And isn't it crazy that stories like that seem to have made climbing Everest *more* popular rather than less?

Paragraph
(iii) _____

Yeah, it's strange. If only people had listened to the warnings of the experienced climbers, perhaps that tragic event wouldn't even have occurred.

Paragraph
(v) _____

Yes, no doubt. If I were to climb Everest, I would certainly go with a more reputable agency, even if it cost more.

Philip



Paragraph
e.g. 10

Yes, the description of that one particularly disastrous ascent certainly put me off the idea of climbing Everest!

Paragraph
(ii) _____

For sure! I mean, who in their right mind would enquire about climbing Everest from a guy who's just rescued loads of people stranded on the mountain?

Paragraph
(iv) _____

I think a lot of the blame lies with the agencies that have lowered the safety standards just in the interest of making money.

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