**Chapter 13, Virginia Beach**

**1. What is prominently displayed in the home of Carine McCandless Fish?**
**a)** A scrapbook of news clippings about Chris.
**b)** A painting she did of her brother, Chris.
**c)** All of Chris's track trophies.
**d)** Two photographs of her brother, Chris.

**2. What does Carine recall that Chris loved so much?**
**a)** His yellow Datsun.
**b)** Her dog, Buck.
**c)** Reading Moby Dick.
**d)** The Gianini guitar.

**3. How is Carine different from Chris?**
**a)** She always returns home when she disappears.
**b)** She is interested in helping the homeless.
**c)** She made peace with their parents.
**d)** She is a good cook.

**4. What kind of business do Carine and her husband operate?**
**a)** An electronics shop.
**b)** A publishing company.
**c)** A daycare for the elderly.
**d)** An auto repair business.

**5. What affected the eating habits of Chris's family?**
**a)** Learning that he starved to death.
**b)** Thinking about how they found Chris's body.
**c)** Not being able to eat rice.
**d)** Thinking more about the homeless.

**6. In light of his own experiences, what does Krakauer think of Chris's tactics?**
**a)** More young people should do what Chris did.
**b)** Except for a bit of bad luck, Chris was right to do what he did.
**c)** They are exemplary.
**d)** They are understandable but not justifiable.

**Chapter 14, The Stikine Ice Cap**

**1. Why does Krakauer relate his own experiences in Chapter 14?**
**a)** To show how he was so much better than Chris.
**b)** To prove that he had no right to write about Chris.
**c)** To see if he is any different now as a mature man.
**d)** To show his affinity with Chris.

**2. What daunting challenge does Krakauer set for himself as a young man?**
**a)** To ski down Mt. McKinley.
**b)** To find out how much terror he can stand.
**c)** To scale a mountain called the Devils Thumb alone.
**d)** To prove that he is always right.

**3. What does Krakauer do similar to what Chris did when he needs to go to the village of Petersberg?**
**a)** He burns his money.
**b)** He buys a big bag of rice.
**c)** He sends postcards to friends.
**d)** He abandons his car.

**4. Who gives Krakauer dinner and a place to sleep in Petersberg?**
**a)** A drifter named Jan Buress.
**b)** A kind woman named Kai Sandburn.
**c)** A policeman offers him a jail cell.
**d)** The captain of a tuna fishing boat.

**5. When Krakauer is at the mountain he came to climb, what enhances his emotions?**
**a)** Two sturdy aluminum curtain rods with him, lashed in a cross shape, to prevent him from falling into a crevasse.
**b)** The cheers of the people who came to see him off.
**c)** The clean air which gives him an oxygen high.
**d)** The beauty of the snowy terrain and clear sky is intensified for him by his solitude.

**6. When Krakauer reaches an impassable place on the mountain, what does he do?**
**a)** He radios for help.
**b)** He sits down and cries.
**c)** He starts traveling horizontally on the mountain.
**d)** There is nothing to do but descend.

**Chapter 15, The Stikine Ice Cap**

**1. What spurs Krakauer on after his failed attempt to climb Devil's Thumb?**
**a)** A spider that keeps working after its web breaks.
**b)** The prospect of defeat.
**c)** His mood after he smokes marijuana.
**d)** The fact that he has enough food to try again.

**2. What characteristic of his father's does Krakauer mention as a flaw?**
**a)** That his father works too many jobs.
**b)** That his father is too kind to everyone.
**c)** That his father has never climbed a mountain.
**d)** That his father can never admit to being wrong.

**3. What ambitions did Jon Krakauer's father have for all of his children?**
**a)** That they would attend Ivy League schools.
**b)** That they would excel in sports.
**c)** That they would leave home and be on their own after high school.
**d)** That they would all enter the family business.

**4. What similarity is there between Jon's relationship with his father and Chris's relationship with Walt?**
**a)** Both fathers turned out to be bigamists.
**b)** Secrets were revealed and both young men resented the hypocrisy.
**c)** Both fathers were old and out of touch.
**d)** Both fathers were weak willed and seldom gave their children advice.

**5. Two decades later, what has Krakauer learned about his relationship with his father?**
**a)** Krakauer realizes he was selfish, stubborn, and as difficult for his father to deal with as his father's behavior had been for him.
**b)** Krakauer learned that his father was always shallow and always would be.
**c)** Krakauer learned that he had been right to defy his father.
**d)** Krakauer learned that he had improved himself by not becoming like his father.

**6. Racing against a storm, Krakauer reaches the summit of the Thumb. How does he describe it?**
**a)** He describes it as breathtakingly beautiful.
**b)** He describes the summit as malevolent and surreal.
**c)** He describes it as a big disappointment.
**d)** He describes it as the coldest place on earth.