Short Answer Questions - Everest Summit: May 10, 1996 - 29,028 Feet
1. In what year did the Mount Everest tragedy as described in the book take place among the climbers in Rob Hall’s and Scott Fischer’s teams?
2. What is affecting Krukauer’s ability to think clearly while at the summit of Mount Everest?
3. What has NOT left Krukauer feeling drained when he reaches the summit?
4. While at the summit, Krakauer takes photos of ___________ and Andy Harris.
5. What does Krakauer notice in the sky after taking pictures? This is something that he had not noticed before.
6. Who does Krakauer ask to turn down his oxygen tank because he wants to conserve his oxygen as he waits for other climbers?
7. Who is the leader of Krakauer’s group with which he is climbing in order to write a story for Outside Magazine?
8. Who does Krakauer see climbing up to the summit and who appears as looking beat?
9. Where does Krakauer plan to go for more oxygen?
10. Doug Hansen and ___________ are being led up to the summit by Rob Hall as Krakauer begins his descent.
11. What is Krakauer’s reaction to seeing climbers lined up to get to the summit?
12. What is Krakauer impatient about as he runs out of oxygen?

Short Answer Questions - Dehra Dun, India: 1852 - 2,234 Feet
1. In 1852, who takes a complete survey of India in order to find out more about this land that is their colony now?
2. What was Mount Everest’s first official name?
3. Who is the Surveyor General of India that names the peak Mount Everest?
4. After whom is Mount Everest named?
5. What was the nationality of the two climbers who are thought to have reached the summit first, although they never returned to camp?
6. Who were the first known climbers to reach the summit of Mount Everest?
7. What did Willi Unsoeld, a man from Krakauer’s hometown, do that inspired Krakauer to climb?
8. What are the jobs Krakauer takes up in order to finance his climbing hobby?
9. Who is the inexperienced climber that made it to the top of Everest with a guide?
10. What does Krakauer says deepens when he hears that an inexperienced climber makes it to the top of Everest?
11. Who are the main guides of Nepal that help the climbers with their goals of reaching the summit?
12. Which magazine does Krakauer query in order to climb Mount Everest for a story?

**Short Answer Questions - Over Northern India: March 29, 1996 - 30,000 Feet**
1. Where does Krakauer land when he arrives in Nepal?
2. What is the cruising altitude of the plane that makes Krakauer realize how absurd it seems to climb that distance as it is so close to Everest’s summit measurement?
3. Who meets Krakauer at the airport when he lands in India for his climbing journey?
4. From what country is the answer to #27?
5. What is so special about the man who is the answer to #27?
6. Who is described as being from New Zealand, having a full beard, and being gregarious and funny?
7. What is the name of Rob Hall’s climbing organization that leads climbers up to the summit of Mount Everest?
8. Who was Hall’s first partner when he began his climbing operation?
9. How many continents’ highest points did Rob Hall climb in a period of seven months once?
10. Where is Hall’s group first flying to by helicopter before they begin their climb up the mountain?
11. From whom does Rob Hall attract criticism?
12. What is the final destination of the first hike of the climbers in Rob Hall’s group?

**Short Answer Questions - Phakding: March 31, 1996 - 9,186 Feet**
1. Who is the quiet Australian that is the third guide in Rob Hall’s group that is climbing to the summit?
2. Sherpas that have reached the summit are highly _________ in the community in which they live.
3. Sherpas make up _______ of all deaths on Mount Everest, according to Krakauer.
4. What does Krakauer notice about the Sherpas’ culture when they arrive in Namche?
5. Hall only makes his climbers hike a few miles a day because of the ________________.

6. What is the name for the silk scarf that the Buddhist lama ties around the necks of the climbers before their ascent?

7. Who carries most of the gear for the climbers as they continue their hike up the mountain?

8. What is Andy Harris' wife's name, as Krakauer finds out from hiking with him?

9. Harris and his wife helped run a clinic at ____________ which is on the way to Base Camp.

10. What is Harris' wife's occupation?

11. What is on the trail that slows down the hikers as they move along the glacier?

12. How might the conditions at Lobuje be described?

**Short Answer Questions - Lobuje: April 8, 1996 - 16,200 Feet**

1. Which of the guides have already become ill as a result of the conditions at Lobuje?

2. Who is the Base Camp manager for the group?

3. In what is Base Camp located?

4. What doesn't Base Camp have as one of its many luxurious amenities?

5. Who led an effort to clean up Base Camp when it was dirty in the 70's and 80's?

6. Who seems to act like a sort of mayor in the 'town' of Base Camp?

7. How many times has Fischer climbed Mount Everest?

8. What is the name of Scott Fischer's climbing organization?

9. Fischer is from ____________.

10. What kind of attitude does Fischer have towards mountain climbing?

11. What did Fischer climb Everest without in order to attract attention to his climbing skills and services?

12. Who does Fischer actually depend on for financial support for his climbing?

**Short Answer Questions - Everest Base Camp: April 12, 1996 - 17,600 Feet**

1. How many camps are above Base Camp, according to Krakauer's description of the mountain?

2. What is the name of the highest camp on Mount Everest?

3. What do some of the climbers unpack when they are getting ready for their first acclimatization climb, much to Krakauer's alarm?

4. The route on this first climb is over the Khumbu Glacier which is in the part called ________________.
5. What is the name of the part on the climb where the glacier fractures into large chunks?
6. What is the name of the large chunks into which the glacier breaks?
7. The climbers on Everest do not _______________ for safety, which is different from other climbs Krakauer has done.
8. The Icefall is a dangerous area that is laid out in ropes and _______________.
9. Who is Krakauer impressed with in his group because he keeps up a steady pace?
10. Who looked to be the strongest, but is worn out by the quick pace at the start?
11. What does Krakauer develop as he is descending Icefall?
12. What is the name of John Krakauer’s wife?

Short Answer Questions - Camp One: April 13, 1996 - 19,500 Feet
1. Krakauer considers himself to be _____ to think he has what it takes to climb Everest.
2. Who accompanied Denman on a mission even though he knew it would be unsuccessful?
3. Who sneaks into Tibet and makes it up to 21,000 feet where he finds a cache of supplies, but dies anyway?
4. Many people on the mountain with Krakauer, he says, are 'marginally qualified _______________.'
5. Who is the person on Fischer’s team who is a legend in Himalayan climbing?
6. From what country is the man who is trying to ascent to the summit on his own?
7. Which team on the mountain is sponsored by a newspaper?
8. Who is described as a difficult man who has deceived many people and created enemies on the mountain?
9. Hall says, "I think it’s pretty unlikely that we’ll get through this season without something ______ happening up high."
10. Where do the climbers who find Wilson's body bury him?
11. What climber actually saved the lives of five other climbers as he tried to ascent to the top of K2?
12. How many people in Hall’s group (besides Hall) have ever climbed above 8,000 feet?

Short Answer Questions - Camp One: April 16, 1996 - 19,500 Feet
1. Where do the climbers rest for two days after their first acclimatization climb?
2. Who does Krakauer help when they reach Camp One?
3. What is Ang Dorje called by the other climbers in the group?
4. Krakauer sees a dead body wrapped in a ______________ as they are climbing their second acclimatization climb.
5. What does Krakauer find on a short hike up from Camp Two?
6. Who is the doctor for Fischer’s group?
7. What is the acronym for the illness Topche comes down with?
8. What is the only treatment for the illness mentioned in #91?
9. Who is in charge of making medical decisions for Fischer’s group, although she has no altitude experience?
10. What is the answer to #93’s other main role for Fischer’s group?
11. What causes the brain damage in the Sherpa?
12. Who is critical of the treatment of the Sherpa by Fischer’s medical team?

Short Answer Questions - Camp Two: April 28, 1996 - 21,300 Feet
1. Where is the team supposed to climb to on this particular day in the novel?
2. Who is Krakauer’s tent mate at Camp Two?
3. What is keeping the men in the tent from getting out of their sleeping bags?
4. Who decides to dress lightly, thinking the sun will warm him up, but instead finds out the wind makes him very cold?
5. Who is suspected to have frostbite and a frozen larynx?
6. Who gives a call to Groom, telling him to call off the climb?

Short Answer Questions - Lhotse Face: April 29, 1996 - 23,400 Feet
1. Who stays behind and doesn’t climb with the group on this particular day?
2. Krakauer believes climbing Everest is not about the adrenaline rush, but it is 'more about ____________.'
3. Who is the overachieving doctor, one who is actually hooked on climbing for its real challenges?
4. Who is the retired colonel who enjoys climbing because it gives him a mission in his new civilian life?
5. What role is Krakauer becoming less comfortable in, as the climbers in his group have not been told of the actual reason for his presence?
6. What does Krakauer help the Sherpas chop ice for when they get back to camp?
Short Answer Questions - Base Camp: May 6, 1996 - 17,600 Feet
1. Harris and __________ are leading the group on the way to Camp Two.
2. Who is coming down the mountain after traveling from sea level to the top of Everest?
3. What quality is Krakauer impressed with as the answer to #110 comes down the mountain?
4. Hall says it’s actually easy to get up the mountain, ”The trick is get down __________.”
5. What did Bourkeev do that necessitated that Fischer descend to help a client?
6. What kind of role does Krakauer think Bourkeev sees himself as one of the guides?

Short Answer Questions - Camp Three: May 9, 1996 - 24,000 Feet
1. What does Krakauer want to avoid by moving quickly up the face on the one rope?
2. Which team does Krakauer think he sees through his camera lens as he looks up at the summit?
3. Where is Camp Four located on Mount Everest?
4. Which leader of the South African group does not appear to be doing well?
5. What does the team Krakauer saw in his camera lens come back to Camp Four to report?
6. Who tells one of Fischer’s Sherpas to stay behind?

Short Answer Questions - Southeast Ridge: May 10, 1996 - 27,600 Feet
1. Who was supposed to have set up lines along the pathway up to the summit?
2. Where did the team wait until the lines were put into place?
3. Who finally goes on to attach the lines that are necessary to allow the climbers up the mountain?
4. Who almost falls off the side of the rock face because he tries to climb before the ropes are secured?
5. Who is NOT one of the climbers that decides to turn back when they realize they will reach the summit later than they should?
6. ”One must have drive, but too much drive will get _______________”

Short Answer Questions - Summit: 1:12 p.m., May 10, 1996 - 29,028 Feet
1. Whose flag had Krakauer brought with him to pose with at the summit, although he leaves it in his bag?
2. What has Krakauer worried when he reaches the summit, so much so that he cannot enjoy his time there?
3. Krakauer makes his way to the top of ___________ where he must wait for descending climbers to pass.
4. Who asks Krakauer to clear the ice from his oxygen equipment in order to make sure it’s functioning?
5. Who does Krakauer ask to turn down his tank of oxygen in order to conserve oxygen?
6. Scott Fischer and who else are the last climbers to come up Hillary Step?

Short Answer Questions - Summit: 1:25 p.m., May 10, 1996 - 29,028 Feet
1. Who is concerned that neither Fischer nor any of his other clients have reached the top at this point?
2. Who admits he perhaps did not always speak up to the other guides when he should have?
3. What time did Fischer and Hall decide as turn around time, even though there is no formal announcement to the team?
4. Who is assisting Pittman, causing him to fall behind and not be the leader as he was meant to be?
5. Which team climber falls to the ground when he reaches the summit?
6. Who gives the injured person in #137 his spare canister of oxygen?

Short Answer Questions - South Col: 6:00 a.m., May 11, 1996 - 26,000 Feet
1. Who wakes Krakauer and tells him that Harris is not in his tent, shocking Krakauer?
2. Who was told via a phone at Base Camp and Hutchison’s message that Harris had made it down safely into Camp?
3. Who is on the summit ridge and needs help as per his radio call?
4. Who, besides Harris, is said to be missing at this point of the story?
5. Who is thought to be dead at this point of the story, although it is revealed later to not be the case?
6. Who is the one person Krakauer is not able to interview for the article he wrote for the magazine?
Short Answer Questions - Summit: 3:40 p.m., May 10, 1996 - 29,028 Feet
1. Who is waiting for Fischer when he reaches the Everest summit because he feels indebted to him?
2. Who radios in that he is very tired when he is at the summit, then complains about how he doesn’t feel well?
3. What does Lopsang give to Fischer to help him feel better?
4. Who removes his mask and does not use it as they begin their descent?
5. Who continues to wait for Hansen at the summit because he wants to make sure someone else arrives?
6. Who nearly collapses at the top of the Hillary Step when climbing on Mount Everest?

Short Answer Questions - Northeast Ridge: May 10, 1996 - 28,550 Feet
1. What expedition also has just reached the top at about 4:00 P.M.?
2. From what side has the team in #151 ascended Everest?
3. What is obscuring the actual peak for the team climbing in #151, making it look much closer than it actually is?
4. Who discovers the bodies of the team mentioned in #151 the next day?
5. The Japanese team was quoted as saying, "Above 8,000 meters is not a place where people can afford _________."
6. Which climbers were found ill, but alive, although no one stopped to help them?

Short Answer Questions - South Col: 7:30 a.m., May 11, 1996 - 26,000 Feet
1. Who is the only other member of Hall’s team, besides Krakauer, that is still able to climb?
2. Whose directions does Krakauer decide to follow in his search for missing climbers?
3. Which climber is found to be still breathing, but very near death, much to the surprise of everyone?
4. Which climber is found alive as well, although he is missing one of his gloves?
5. Who insists the team should not leave the camp while Hall is still up on the mountain?
6. Who assembles Fischer’s team in order to continue their descent?

Short Answer Questions - The Geneva Spur: 9:45 a.m., May 12,
1996 - 25,900 Feet
1. How many people are left of the original 11 team members on Hall’s team?
2. Who is not wearing his goggles, although he is quickly reminded to do so?
3. What does Hutchison ask Krakauer to check because it does not feel right?
4. Who says he is feeling lightheaded and unsure of himself, which might affect his decisions?
5. Where does the bottleneck of climbers form as the team descends Mount Everest?
6. Who blames himself for bringing bad luck to Fischer?

Short Answer Questions - Everest Base Camp: May 13, 1996 - 17,600 Feet
1. What is Krakauer handed when he arrives in Base Camp, causing him to sit down and realize just what he has been through?
2. Who evacuated with Fox via helicopter from Mount Everest?
3. Who goes with the climbers mentioned in #170?
4. Whose death has become a national story in his country?
5. Whose family does Krakauer meet at the airport, returning his gear to them?
6. Whose advice does Krakauer seek out as he deals with the horrors of the aftermath of the tragedy?

Short Answer Questions - Seattle: November 29, 1996 - 270 Feet
1. Who has had his right arm amputated below the elbow?
2. In what month is Krakauer’s article about the trip published in Outside?
3. Who was killed in an avalanche on Everest the next year?
4. Who is severely injured in a bus accident while in his native country?
5. Which climber is openly scorned and hounded by journalists?
6. Who said he just kept moving and didn’t look back when he saw Namba couldn’t stay upright in order to get back to camp?