



## Sec: C Conquering Mount Everest

### A. Glossary:-

1. Summit - peak; highest point
2. Adopted - taken up as one's own.
3. Expeditions - journeys for a purpose.
4. Fortune - destiny
5. Inspired - gave somebody the desire and confidence to achieve something.
6. Scale - climb.

### B. Answer these questions with reference to the context.

'He hoped to make his fortune carrying loads of supplies for mountaineering expeditions.'

1. Who is 'he' in these lines?

Ans:- 'He' in these lines is Tenzing Norgay.

2. Why was 'he' suitable to carry the loads?

Ans:- He was suitable to carry the loads because he had lived with Sherpas, who had been living in high mountains for many years. Mountaineers on climbing expeditions hire the Sherpas to carry



supplies and to show them the way up the mountains.

3. Did 'he' make a fortune in the end?

Ans: Tenzing made more than monetary fortune in his lifetime. He became one of the first people to scale Mount Everest, for which he won a lot of accolades and was bestowed with many honours by the government. He gathered more fame than he could have ever imagined in his life.

C. Answer these questions briefly.

1. How do Sherpas help mountaineers?

Ans: Sherpas carry supplies and show mountaineers the way up the mountains. Owing to their experience of living in high mountains, the Sherpas have proved to be excellent guides and mountaineers.

2. How did Tenzing's move to Darjeeling benefit him?

Ans: Tenzing moved to Darjeeling because he hoped to make his fortune carrying loads of supplies for mountaineering expeditions. Three years later, he accompanied a survey team on an expedition to Mount Everest as a porter. In the next few years, Tenzing had taken part in more Everest expeditions than any other climber.



3. How did Tenzing get to learn so many languages?

Ans:- Tenzing learned to speak seven languages because he worked with a lot of different people as a Sherpa.

4. How have Tenzing's courage and heroism been honoured?

Ans:- Tenzing was awarded the British George Cross and the Star of Nepal for his courage and heroism.

5. Why was Hillary fortunate to have the calm Tenzing by his side while climbing Everest?

Ans:- Hillary was fortunate to have the calm Tenzing by his side while climbing Everest because during their climb, Hillary lost his footing and nearly died. However, Tenzing did not panic. He held the rope line tightly and planted his axe firmly in the ice. He firmly believed that mountain climb: help each other.

6. What is the answer to the question asked by Aditya towards the end of the passage?

Ans:- The Tenzing Norgay National Adventure Award has been established in Tenzing Norgay's honour by the Government of India.