

## OPTION B: ROB THE RUBBISH

1 Most mountaineers will probably tell you that they climb mountains because of the challenge. But  
2 Rob the Rubbish climbs mountains to collect the rubbish.

3 Robin Kevan, aged 63, was horrified by the litter in the streets of his hometown, Llanwrtyd Wells in  
4 Wales. However, instead of complaining, he started to pick up the rubbish and most days filled a large plastic  
5 sack, or bin bag, by breakfast. One day, his wife wrote "Rob the Rubbish" on his jacket, and the name stuck.

6 In November 2005, Rob heard about the litter on Ben Nevis, the United Kingdom's highest  
7 mountain. In a two-day visit, he filled six bin bags with rubbish. Wearing his yellow jacket and two pairs of  
8 gloves (because, he explains, you never know what you may encounter in other people's rubbish), he has  
9 since climbed other mountains in the UK. He finds paper wrappers, plastic bags, soft drinks cans and bottles.  
10 These are the worst, because glass takes a million years to degrade.

11 Rob believes that tackling the problem of rubbish involves the re-education of a whole generation.  
12 Until then, he wants to do what he can to help restore the purity of natural beauty spots. In addition, his self-  
13 imposed task brings him other advantages: a healthy outdoor hobby, a sense of purpose and a feeling of  
14 satisfaction.

15 As a result of the publicity he had received, in autumn 2006 Rob climbed Mt Everest to collect  
16 rubbish from the base camp. Now he wants to visit Mt Kilimanjaro in east Africa. Rob hopes that he is raising  
17 awareness of the litter problem with his work. So, the next time you go hiking, make sure you don't leave your  
18 rubbish behind.

I\* COMPREHENSION (This section consists of six items combining 'True/False' and/or 'Multiple Choice' questions) (3 points)

CHOOSE AND WRITE THE CORRECT OPTION (A, B, C or D). (0.5 points each)

1. Rob wears two pairs of gloves when collecting rubbish ...

- (a) to protect his hands from the rubbish. (c) because he doesn't know who or what he will encounter.  
(b) to protect his hands from the cold. (d) because the mountain rocks are sharp.

2. Which of the following does Rob Kevan NOT experience as a result of collecting rubbish?

- (a) It gives him something to do. (c) He earns money from it.  
(b) It makes him feel satisfied. (d) It's good for his physical health.

ARE THESE STATEMENTS TRUE OR FALSE? JUSTIFY YOUR ANSWERS WITH THE PRECISE WORDS OR PHRASES FROM THE TEXT. (0.5 points each)

3. Rob climbs mountains because it's challenging.

4. Rob used to complain about the rubbish in his hometown.

5. Cans and bottles take the same amount of time to degrade.

6. Rob wants more people to understand the litter problem.

II\* USE OF ENGLISH (4 points; questions 7-12, 0.25 points each; 13-17, 0.5 points each)

7. FIND IN THE TEXT ONE SYNONYM FOR "big" (adjective).

8. GIVE ONE OPPOSITE FOR "filled" (verb) AS IT IS USED IN THE TEXT (line 4).

9. FIND IN THE TEXT THE WORD WHICH HAS THE FOLLOWING DEFINITION: "bring back to an original state".

10. GIVE A NOUN WITH THE SAME ROOT AS "collect" (verb).

11. FILL IN THE GAP WITH A CORRECT PREPOSITION: I was shocked to hear ..... the rubbish on Mt Everest.

12. WHICH WORD DOES NOT HAVE THE SAME MEANING? pick up / collect / encounter / gather

13. TURN THE FOLLOWING SENTENCE INTO THE PASSIVE VOICE: Rob finds all kinds of rubbish on mountains in the UK.

14. JOIN THE FOLLOWING SENTENCES USING A RELATIVE. MAKE CHANGES IF NECESSARY: In 2006, Rob climbed Mt Everest. He collected rubbish from the base camp there.

15. REWRITE THE SENTENCE WITHOUT CHANGING ITS MEANING. BEGIN AS INDICATED: Many mountaineers climb mountains because the mountains present a challenge. The mountains present a challenge, .....

16. GIVE A QUESTION FOR THE UNDERLINED WORD: In a two-day visit, Rob filled six bin bags with rubbish.

17. COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONAL SENTENCE: If I saw rubbish in my street, .....

III\* PRODUCTION (3 points)

18. WRITE A COMPOSITION OF APPROXIMATELY 120 WORDS ABOUT THE TOPIC PROPOSED. YOU MUST FOCUS STRICTLY ON IT.

What do you think can be done to help reduce litter in your region?