

# “Did the World’s Tallest Mountain Shrink?” Quiz

**Directions:** Read “Did the World’s Tallest Mountain Shrink?” Then answer the questions below.

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**1. Which of the following details should NOT be included in a summary of the article?**

- Ⓐ Everest, the world’s tallest mountain, may be an inch shorter.
- Ⓑ Scientists will soon begin a risky mission to measure Everest.
- Ⓒ In 2015, Nepal experienced a series of devastating earthquakes.
- Ⓓ Climbers first summited Everest in 1953.

**2. Which of the following caused the Himalaya mountain range to form?**

- Ⓐ a series of earthquakes
- Ⓑ the collision of tectonic plates
- Ⓒ the relaxing of Earth’s crust
- Ⓓ a lack of oxygen in the air

**3. Author Mackenzie Carro develops the idea that Mount Everest is a dangerous place in all the following ways EXCEPT by**

- Ⓐ describing its atmosphere and weather.
- Ⓑ explaining how the human body responds to its conditions and terrain.
- Ⓒ including the detail that many climbers have died trying to summit it.
- Ⓓ mentioning that it is a popular tourist destination.

**4. On page 28, Carro writes, “The powerful earthquakes toppled homes, stores, and temples.” Which of the following is the definition of *topple* as it is used in that sentence?**

- (A) to win a victory over something or someone
- (B) to remove a government leader from power
- (C) to cause something to become unsteady and fall
- (D) to energize mentally or physically

**5. Why might some people see Everest as the “ultimate symbol of hubris” (29)?**

- (A) They find it foolish to attempt such a risky journey and challenge the power of nature.
- (B) They believe that summiting Everest is the ultimate achievement for a climber.
- (C) They think that climbing Everest is something most people are capable of doing.
- (D) They think that climbing Everest requires great physical and mental strength.

**6. Which of the following statements can be supported by information in the article?**

- (A) The human body thrives in high altitudes.
- (B) Scientists are using old satellite data to get a new, official measurement of Everest.
- (C) If Everest has shrunk, fewer people will be interested in climbing it.
- (D) Shifting tectonic plates can cause earthquakes.

## Constructed-Response Question

7. According to Mackenzie Carro, Everest is a “cultural obsession” (29). Why does she describe Everest as a “cultural obsession”? Use evidence from the text to support your response.

### QUESTION 7

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