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CLASS X
ENGLISH COURSE BOOK
UNIT III - LESSON 6
THE SAGA OF A MOUNTAINEER AND EXPLORER

SOLUTION

EXERCISES

A. Answer the following:

- a. **What is the nationality of Sir Edmund Hillary?**

Ans: Sir Edmund Hillary is a New Zealander.

- b. **What is the height of Mt. Everest?**

Ans: The height of Mt. Everest is 29,035 feet.

- c. **When and who navigated the first nonstop trans-Atlantic flight?**

Ans: Charles A Lindbergh in 1927 navigated the first nonstop trans-Atlantic flight.

- d. **Why did numerous expeditions to Mt. Everest fail?**

Ans: Numerous expeditions to Mt. Everest failed because the summit was 5.5 vertical miles above sea-level, an otherworldly place of yawning crevasses and 100-mile-an-hour winds, perpetual cold and thin air that the human brain and lungs do not function properly in it.

- e. **Who are the Sherpas?**

Ans: The Sherpas are the Nepalese people famed as climbers or experienced mountaineers.

- f. **What did the George Leigh Mallory say when he was asked why he wanted to climb Mt. Everest?**

Ans: When George Leigh Mallory was asked why he wanted to climb Mt. Everest, he said that Mount Everest is there, so he wanted to climb it.

- g. **Who was the leader of the group which included Edmund Hillary and Tenzing Norgay in the 1953 Everest expedition?**

Ans: In the 1953 Everest expedition, the members reached the top together- as a group and there was no leader.



- h. How many climbers, Sherpa guides and porters and how much food were there for the expedition to Everest?**

Ans: A dozen climbers, 35 Sherpa guides and 350 porters carrying 18 tonnes of food and equipment were there for the expedition to Everest.

- i. What is Hillary step and how did Hillary define it?**

Ans: Hillary step is a sheer face of rock and ice which is 40 feet high. So Hillary defined it as “the most formidable obstacle on the ridge.”

- j. What is the date on which Hillary and Tenzing reached the top of Mt. Everest?**

Ans: On May 29, 1953, Hillary and Tenzing reached the top of Mt. Everest.

- k. How did Queen Elizabeth II honour Edmund Hillary?**

Ans: Queen Elizabeth II promptly made Edmund Hillary a Knight Commander of the Order of the British Empire.

- l. Who received the George Medal of British?**

Ans: Tenzing Norgay received the George Medal of Britain.

- m. How was the controversy of whether it was Hillary or Tenzing who first got on the summit first?**

Ans: The controversy threatened briefly to mar the celebrations, but Hunt declared that they reached it together, as a team.

- n. Write about the adventures of Sir Edmund Hillary after his Mt. Everest Expedition.**

Ans: Sir Edmund continued his life of adventure, climbing mountains and once crossing the Antarctic continent, lecturing and making public appearances, and serving as New Zealand’s High Commissioner to India, Bangladesh and Nepal from 1985-1988.

- o. Who is Neil Armstrong?**

Ans: Neil Armstrong is the first man to set foot on the moon.



- Ans: On recalling the 1953 experience of standing on top on Mt. Everest, Sir Edmund Hillary said that standing atop that pinnacle in 1953 was an experience he would recollect many times in lectures and quit conversations. He told an interviewer that he was a lucky man, he had had a dream and it had come true and that's not a thing that happens often to men.

