

Q. 61–75 Comprehension

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Read this passage carefully.

YOU CAN'T KEEP A GOOD MAN DOWN!

Stonecaster's mountain-climbing grandfather is off again.

A Stonecaster man is about to embark on a challenge. Pawel Robinski, 69, is packing his rucksack and ready to take on Mount Everest. He's no beginner, though he admits that Everest is quite daunting. He's a veteran of Kilimanjaro, the highest mountain in Africa, followed by Aconcagua, the highest in the Americas, and Cho Oyu, another Himalayan monster. "I've been busy getting fit," says grandfather of three, Pawel. "Sean, the landlord of my local pub, The Three Pigeons, must wonder what's become of me as I've been keeping off the beer. They see a lot more of me at the gym than the pub these days." However, he plans to pop into his local soon. "I hope they'll all sponsor me. All the regulars know me, so I'm sure they will."

However, preparations for the trip are hard work and Pawel is looking forward to coming home again. "I'll be glad when it's done," he admits. "It's going to be an amazing adventure but all this abstinence is tough. I will be keen to get back to my real life – down The Pigeons and in my favourite Indian restaurant, the Koh-i-Noor on

Castle Street. I'll be pretty scrawny by the time I get back – and ready to put on a few pounds again!"

Pawel will raise money for the local hospice, Rosemead Priory. "Rosemead was great with my mum some years back, so I want to help them now that I can," says Pawel.

Elspeth Martin, Lead Consultant at Rosemead, says, "We're thrilled by Pawel's undertaking and we wish him all the best. Everyone at Rosemead is amazingly dedicated and selfless in their care for our residents and it is immensely rewarding when someone helps us in this way in return."

Pawel plans to write a daily blog about his climb. "I want people back home – especially family and friends who sponsor me – to get a real feel for what it's like. I just hope my hands are not too cold to type!"

If you would like to sponsor Pawel, visit www.pawelforeverest.com – where you can also see pictures of Pawel and his preparations for the trip.

Now read these questions. You have a choice of four answers to each question. Choose the *one* answer you think the best. Draw a line in the box next to its letter, like this.

A

61 The title of this article is 'You Can't Keep a Good Man Down!' In the context of the article as a whole, which word best describes this title?

- A joke
- B pun
- C teaser
- D heading

A
B
C
D

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62 Pawel is ready 'to take on Mount Everest' (lines 2–3). What does the underlined phrase suggest about the peak?

- A It is a very high mountain.
- B It is a formidable enemy.
- C It is waiting for Pawel.
- D It is cold and dangerous.

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B
C
D

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