

- 1 When the writer met Parker Liautaud at Venice Beach, he was
  - A impressed by his level of maturity.
  - B amused by his youthful appearance.
  - C concerned about his uninformed beliefs.
  - D prepared to find reasons to dislike him.
  
- 2 When Parker agreed to go to the Antarctic with Robert Swan, other people
  - A attempted to talk him out of it.
  - B advised him on aspects of preparation.
  - C were puzzled about his decision.
  - D were supportive of his plans.
  
- 3 Parker and Doug Stoup were prevented from reaching the North Pole by
  - A the movement of the ice.
  - B the failure of equipment.
  - C the severity of the weather.
  - D their own physical limits.
  
- 4 What is Parker emphasizing in the sentence 'It felt like I had just finished a cross-country ski race.'?
  - A his sense of relief on completing his trek
  - B the desire to celebrate a hard-won victory
  - C the fact that a crowd had witnessed his achievement
  - D the contrast between his previous attempt and this one
  
- 5 What does the writer suggest about Parker and his fight against climate change in the fifth paragraph?
  - A His arguments must be based on proven fact.
  - B He needs to adjust his approach if he wants a wider audience.
  - C He is yet to understand the complexity of politics.
  - D It is younger people that he wants to target.
  
- 6 What point does the writer make about the criticism directed at Parker?
  - A It is the reaction of a minority of people.
  - B Parker is quite capable of dealing with it.
  - C It has become increasingly unfair.
  - D It is not something that Parker pays attention to.

### Reacting to the text

Is Parker Liautaud the sort of person you might admire? Why/Why not?

Parker has been able to fund his trips by getting large corporations and charities to sponsor him: why do you think these organizations were willing to help?

Talk about one of your own personal achievements. If possible, comment on what motivated you, your preparations and the feelings you experienced.