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HOMEWORK PRACTICE TEST  
READING**

**Pet B1 Succeed - Test 1 - Part 4 - Question 16-20.**

**Climbing Everest**



Some years ago, I was feeling really depressed with my job. I was no longer sure I could manage in the challenging environment of working for a big company in London. **16**..... I knew I had to do something to believe in myself again and then, while I was chatting with a friend, I decided to take a break to go and follow my dreams.

At the time it seemed like a crazy idea. Perhaps it was only because I was scared of the unknown. **17**..... Interestingly, instead of feeling miserable, I felt glad that the decision had been made for me.

**18**..... So I didn't give it a second thought. I knew that this was a once-in-a-lifetime chance. I had some money saved and I was reasonably fit, as I went jogging daily. All I needed, then, was to join a climbing club to prepare. And that was really simple, as my brother owned one.

Three months later, I made an application to join a group of climbers who were preparing for Everest. Imagine how glad I was when I heard that I had been accepted to join the team.

**19**..... This was a great idea, allowing us to meet each other online and talk about our preparation for the trip.

The next step was to actually start preparing for the climb. Reliable equipment had to be bought as we would be dealing with below zero temperatures. **20**..... Climbing the highest mountain in the world is not the easiest

goal and trying to save money on cheap equipment, as our group leader warned us, was something we could pay for with our lives.

- A. Then, someone suggested starting a chat group.
- B. However, a month later I suddenly found myself unemployed.
- C. This job was just too easy for me.
- D. So I didn't need to spend time and money getting into shape.
- E. The trouble was that we all lived far apart.
- F. I really had no confidence in myself anymore.
- G. Of course, all this was expensive, but it was absolutely necessary.
- H. I had always had one ambition: to climb Mount Everest.

**Reading      Part 4      Exam Tips**

- First, read the whole text in order to get a general understanding.
- Look at each gap (16-20) and see which of the sentences (A-H) would fit best in the gap.
- Read the sentences before and after your answer choice and check whether it fits in grammatically and if it allows the story to flow nicely.
- Then, have a look at the other answer choices to make sure that they don't fit in the gap.
- When you have answered the questions, read the whole text again as well as your answers, to check that it all makes sense.