

Endurance Race

Looking at the runners as they prepare to set off on a (1) _____ endurance race, you can't help (2) _____ their stubborn toughness as they face the (3) _____ than promising weather conditions.

The first (4) _____ drops of rain (5) _____ to fall. But the runners seem quite (6) _____.

They set (7) _____ in pairs in a staggered start, equipped with a tent, sleeping bag and essential food supplies, plus a map and compass.

In the next 48 hours they will (8) _____ as they run over the steep hills and mountains around the valley. They must navigate the course, and report at a series of pre- (9) _____ check points before making it back to the starting point. It's a tough sport for tough people.

In some events the fell runner has to run up and down a specified number of peaks that (10) _____ of different heights in a given time. This kind of race first began in 1932 when Bob Graham ran up and down 42 peaks in the Lake District in a single day.

That record (11) _____ many times since then.

The current record of 77 peaks was set in 1997 by Mark Harfell. The women's record of 62 peaks belongs to Anne Stentiford.

	A	B	C	D
1	48 hour's	48-th hour	48 hours	48-hour
2	but noticing	notice	to noticing	noticing
3	Fewer	less	Least	little
4	a little	little	Few	a few
5	have already begun	has already begun	already began	had already begun
6	are unperturbed	not unperturbed	unperturbed	to unperturbed
7	down	in	For	off
8	be timed	be timing	be time	time
9	arrangement	arranged	arranging	arrange
10	am	have been	Is	are
11	was beaten	has been beaten	has been beating	has beaten