

IELTS reading practice

Multiple choice

6. Read the following short text, and answer the question below.

The Eiger is a mountain in the Bernese Alps in Switzerland. Since 1935, at least sixty-four climbers have died attempting the Eiger's north face, earning it the German nickname Mordwand, literally "murder wall" - a pun on its correct title of Nordwand (North Wall). Before it was successfully climbed, in 1938, most of the attempts on the face ended tragically and the Bernese authorities even banned climbing it and threatened to fine any party that should attempt it again. Since the first successful attempt, the north face has been climbed many times, but even today it is regarded as a formidable challenge.

Which TWO of the following statements are true according to the text?

- A) The Eiger is the most dangerous mountain in the Bernese Alps.
- B) The north face of the mountain has an infamous history.
- C) The Nordwand was finally conquered in 1938.
- D) The Bernese authorities fined climbers who attempted the north face.
- E) Climbers consider the north face to be the world's most challenging climb.