Mountaineering #7

PROFICIENCY TEST

Oh sure, injured indignation. "A quiz?" you protest, feigning ignorance. Well sir, what do you think these mountaineering lessons have been all about? That's right—knowledge, and the accumulation thereof. So put your gray matter on red alert and start cracking. Here's where you move to the top of the mountain. Or get left at base camp. And, by the way, remember that the difference between the two is all in your head.

**Multiple Choice**

Drinking Busch beer is known as:

(A) Backing 'em up  
(B) Downing the mountains  
(C) Quaffing  
(D) Peaking  

A mountaineer's best friend is his:

(A) Dog  
(B) Ballbenderman  
(C) Main squeeze  
(D) Free and flexible arm

Benjamin Baxter-Bem longtime mountaineer enjoyed expeditions, was fond of saying:

(A) "The price is right."  
(B) "Your check is in the mail."  
(C) "Keep all your assets liquid."  
(D) "Put this on my tab, fellas"  

Oral Exam

Here's where you put your tongue to the test. Arrange these three glasses, two ordinary beers and one Busch in front of yourself. Ask a friend to blindfold you and pour each into a glass. Sip all three, taking pains to clear your palate between beers — either by eating a plain soda cracker or lightly dusting your tongue with a belt sander. After sampling each, identify the mountains. Unless you've just returned from the dentist with a mouthful of novocaine, this should be easy. Cold refreshment and natural smoothness are your two big clues to the peak.

Eye Test

This is the visual perception portion. Simply read the pertinent subject phrase and determine which picture most closely symbolizes it. Then, check the appropriate box.

- **Mountaineering**
- **Mountain Peak**
- **Mountain Lion**
- **Mountain Pine**
- **Mountain Music**
- **Mountain Cat**

Scoring: 10-15 correct: congratulations, buddy, your flag waves at the summit. 7-10 correct: not bad but there's room for improvement; run to the package store and keep mountaineering. 4-7 correct: don't mountaineer without an adult guardian. Less than 4: Who read this test to you?

Mountaineering is the science and art of drinking Busch. The term originates due to the snow, icy peaks spotted by the label outside and perpetuated due to the cold, naturally refreshing taste inside.

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Don't just reach for a beer. **Head for the mountains.**

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