

DIRECTIONS: Read the selection "Beth Rodden: Rock Climber." Choose the *best* answer for each question. You may look back at the selection as often as needed.

"Beth Rodden: Rock Climber"
Questions 23–30

- 23 What is the *main* purpose of the first three paragraphs of the selection?
- A to state the author's purpose for writing
 - B to describe the problem the author must solve
 - C to give background information about rock climbing
 - D to set the scene for the climb up Warp Factor
- 24 How does Beth Rodden think she differs from most rock climbers?
- A She is younger and more motivated.
 - B She climbs for fun and not for competition.
 - C She prefers to climb when it is hot.
 - D She made her first redpoint attempt as a teenager.
- 25 As Beth describes her climb up Warp Factor, how does she hold the reader's attention?
- A by reporting her thoughts and feelings
 - B by writing in short sentences
 - C by including several comments from friends
 - D by asking questions and then answering them
- 26 Which of the following sentences from the selection expresses an *opinion* rather than a *fact*?
- A "A belayer must always be ready to take action if a climber falls."
 - B "We were at Donner Summit in Lake Tahoe, California."
 - C "I laced up my climbing shoes, then dipped my hands in my chalk bag."
 - D "I think my new sense of calm is the result of experience."

- 27 Why does the author include the box on page 24?
- A to let the reader know that she won the Junior National Championship in 1998
 - B to explain rock climbing terminology such as “bad edge” and “redpoint attempt”
 - C to help the readers stay motivated in reaching their goals by learning how she stays motivated
 - D to give a more complete picture of herself, since the passage focuses on just one specific climb
- 28 Near the end of the selection the author writes, “I’ve learned how important it is to push yourself and strive for excellence.” Which sentence found earlier in the selection *best* supports this idea?
- A “I love the sensation of being high up and away from all of life’s complications.”
 - B “Before a climb, we always say, ‘The worst that can happen is you fall.’ ”
 - C “You have to block out the pain and urge yourself to keep going.”
 - D “I can’t afford to give in to self-doubt when I’m climbing.”
- 29 Which common feature of magazine articles also appears in this selection?
- A headings for each section
 - B information set off from the text for emphasis
 - C graphs, charts, or tables as illustrations
 - D definitions of technical terms, located in the margins
- 30 Based on the selection, which of the following can be *inferred* about the author?
- A Rock climbing is not her favorite activity.
 - B She spent time as a belayer before she began rock climbing.
 - C She depends on only herself to reach the top.
 - D She gets a little nervous before every serious climb.