

"Above all else, I should like to stress our unity as a party. This was undoubtedly the biggest single factor in the final result, for the ascent of Everest perhaps more than most human ventures, demanded a very high degree of self-less co-operation. No amount of equipment or food could have compensated for any weakness in this respect. It would be difficult to find a more close-knit item than ours. It is a remarkable fact that throughout the whole four months that we were together, often in trying circumstances, I never heard any impatient or angry word passed between any members of the party. This made my own task easier, and most particularly when the time came to decide on the individual tasks to be undertaken during the period leading up to and during the assault. It could not fall to everyone to attempt the summit, and for some there must have been disappointment, made greater by their fitness to go high. But everyone rightly believed that he had a vital part to play in getting at least two members of the team to the top, and it was in this spirit that each man carried out his job — whether it was finding and preparing the route up the Lhotse Face; leading Sherpas to the South Col with assault stores; carrying heavy loads to establish the final camp; or the less conspicuous tasks of maintaining our communications with Base Camp, supervising the catering and other work at Advance Base. All these things were done without complaint and they were done well. In this, and in the work of our Sherpas, lies the immediate secret of our success".

(a) What made the task of the writer easier, especially when the time came to decide on individual tasks during the assault?

Ans= The self-less cooperation by every team member made the writer's task easier. When the time came to decide on individual tasks during the assault, each member of the team behaved patiently and they did not have discontentment with each other. This made the ~~author~~ writer to perform his own task easily.

(b) What was the immediate secret of the success of this attempt at climbing Everest?

Ans= The spirit of cooperation and coordination among the team members was the immediate secret of success of the attempt at climbing Everest. The members selflessly helped each other in carrying heavy loads, ~~and~~ finding way to the top and maintaining communication with the Base camp. Resultantly, they had a successful attempt.

(c) What was the task of member of the party to enable at least two members of the party to reach the top?

Ans= The task was to help other members climb to the top. Because not every person was fit

y enough to this task so the party divided the responsibilities among members and each person had to assist two others to may their way to the top of the Everest.

(d) What was the biggest single factor in the successful attempt at climbing Everest?

Ans= The unity within the party was the biggest single factor in the successful attempt at climbing Everest because climbing Everest was a team work. Nothing was more important for its success than the support and selfless cooperation by team members. The supply of food and equipment is secondary in this regard.

### EXERCISE 5

If by some magic you could be granted one quick wish, perhaps you might wish to be popular. Being popular means being liked by a lot of people instead of just a few close friends and that is a big wish. All the same you, too, can be well liked if you are willing to be on guard against the perils of popularity.

Let us consider some of these. You cannot be polite and friendly to some and not to others without the word getting around as to what kind of person you really are. When you are considering other people take time, to be friendly with the folks older than you are—your neighbours, teachers, parents and other relatives. If you treat them with respect, they are going to think of you as a likeable person, not as a good for nothing boy. And do not forget to be kind to the little kids too. Again you must think of others and consider their wishes. A majority wins, you know, and if you are out-voted in the discussion of what to do and where to go, remember that being a good sport is another way to help your popularity. A good lover does not complain when the plans do not go his way. At the same time do not be afraid that you are risking your popularity to stand up for what you think is right. It takes courage to say so, and is appreciated. (260 words)

## COST OF POPULARITY

Everyone wishes to be popular and liked by many people. But popularity brings many risks with it. A popular person has to behave nicely with everyone; be respectful towards elders and kind towards kids to maintain his popularity as a likeable person. He has to value other's wishes and bear with the things that may go against his desires. Sometimes, he also has to take unconventional decisions for the right cause, which may risk his popularity. Such steps are risky but are highly encouraged and praised.

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