

# Answers

1. What was the tragic event that prompted Dashrath Manjhi to spend so long carving a passageway through the mountain?

**The death of his wife/his wife being unable to receive medical care before she died**

2. What did other people initially think of Manjhi's project when he first started?

**Accept either:**

- **they thought that he had gone mad;**
- **they thought that he would die before he finished it.**

3. Look at the first two paragraphs. Find and copy a word which means 'remote or far away from other places, buildings or people'.

**isolated**

4. '*The labourer said that he never wanted anyone else to suffer the same fate as his wife.*' What does this suggest about Manjhi's character?

**Accept reference to the following:**

- **he was kind/caring/selfless;**
- **he didn't want others to suffer;**
- **he tried to find a positive outcome to the tragic event.**

5. What is meant by a 'state funeral' and what does this suggest about the way the government felt about Dashrath Manjhi's actions?

**A state funeral is a special occasion reserved for special or important people.**

**This suggests that the government thought Dashrath was special or important and that they appreciated his work.**

6. How do you think local people felt when the road through the mountain was finally completed?

**Children's own responses which suggest that the villagers were happy/delighted/grateful/relieved. Award one further mark for explanation which refers to villagers having a shorter journey or being able to access schools, hospitals and/or jobs which they previously could not.**

7. Look at the **Location Fact File**.

Which direction is Nepal from India? Circle **one**.

**north**

east

south

west

8. Look at the section **The Mountains of India**.

What are the positive and negative aspects of the mountains attracting tourists to the region?

**Accept both: the positive effects of 'bringing money to the region from outside visitors'; the negative effects of 'damage or wear to the natural environment'.**

9. Complete the information in this table about **The Mountains of India**.

The first row has been done for you.

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| Highest peak of the Kanchenjunga in number of feet      | 28,000 |
| Total number of peaks on the Kanchenjunga mountain      | 5      |
| Number of species of birds in the national park         | 500    |
| Number of countries over which the Himalayas are spread | 5      |

## 10. Explain why the mountains in the Great Himalayan Range are important to India as a country.

**Acceptable points include:**

- **providing the source of rivers/the river Ganges**
- **attracting tourists for adventure sports or other activities**
- **influencing the climate/acting as a barrier against freezing winds**
- **forming a physical defence barrier against foreign invasion**
- **providing a habitat for plant and wildlife**
- **religious importance**
- **economic benefits**