





Read both passages and the 10 statements. Decide if each statement is supported by:

- Passage A
- Passage B
- Both Passages
- Neither Passage

Passage A

There are several mountains around the world which, based on various criteria, stake a claim to the title of the world's highest mountain. The best known of these is undoubtedly Mount Everest.

Located where the borders of Nepal and China meet within the Himalayan mountain range, Mount Everest rises to a magnificent 8,848 meters above sea level. This means it is the point on the Earth's surface that achieves the greatest distance above sea level. It is believed that it is continuing to grow very slowly, as the Himalayan mountain range is pushed upwards.

Because of its fame, the challenge of climbing Mount Everest is something many climbers wish to achieve. Since the first time the peak was reached in 1953, over 4,000 climbers have made their way up the mountain. It is a difficult and dangerous climb, though, and many people have lost their lives on its snowy slopes.

Passage B

Mauna Kea in Hawaii is a contender for the highest mountain on Earth. Although it only rises 4,205 meters above sea level, much more of it is under the water. When measured from the seabed, it is over 10,000 meters high, much higher than Mount Everest.

Mauna Kea is a dormant volcano that was created by the Pacific tectonic plate over a million years ago, and many layers of lava have added to its height. Although it has not erupted for over 4,000 years, it is expected to one day erupt again.