

The high price of coal

Question 7: How many miners lost their lives in the 1956 Springhill disaster?

- a) 12
- b) 39
- c) 81
- d) 88

Question 8: In the article the 'price of coal' is measured in

- a) volume of coal mined.
- b) the dollar value of the coal.
- c) the number of mine casualties.
- d) work lost in mine rescues.

Question 9: The 1956 Springhill mine disaster was caused by

- a) sporadic fires.
- b) gas leaks.
- c) an earthquake.
- d) a runaway coal cart.

Question 10: The article suggests that Australia

- a) is safe for miners.
- b) has a good record for rescues from mines.
- c) is less dangerous than some countries but the risk of fatalities may increase.
- d) is more successful in rescues than was Springhill, Canada.

Question 11: Dr Burden was considered brave because he

- a) had a wife and family.
- b) volunteered to help in a gas-filled mine.
- c) had no fire-fighting qualifications.
- d) was not fully trained as a doctor.

Question 12: The advice suggested in the article is that rescuers in mine disasters should

- a) never give up hope.
- b) not take risks in gas-filled mines.
- c) include doctors in all rescue teams.
- d) call off rescues before fatalities occur.

Question 13: Dr Burden found the 1956 rescue particularly upsetting because

- a) his former schoolmates were found dead.
- b) he almost died from gas poisoning.
- c) fires could trigger sudden explosions.
- d) he had lost his wife and family.