

Sly Oliver
Working and Living in Antarctica

1. What inspired Sly Oliver to work in Antarctica?

- a. A childhood book he read
- b. Watching a National Geographic episode
- c. A school project about Antarctica
- d. A recommendation from a friend

Answer: _____

2. What is the first step in applying for a job in Antarctica through the USAP?

- a. Submitting a physical fitness test
- b. Completing an extended background check
- c. Applying through the USAP application process
- d. Attending a job fair for Antarctic positions

Answer: _____

3. What is one of Sly Oliver's primary responsibilities at McMurdo Station?

- a. Conducting scientific research
- b. Operating heavy equipment to groom airfields
- c. Leading tours for visitors
- d. Building new facilities

Answer: _____

4. What is the approximate size of McMurdo Station during its full capacity?

- a. 200-400 people
- b. 500-800 people
- c. 800-1200 people
- d. Over 2000 people

Answer: _____

5. How does Sly Oliver stay warm while working outside in Antarctica?

- a. By using a heating device
- b. By wearing multiple layers, including insulated clothing and "Big Red"
- c. By staying indoors during extreme cold
- d. By using portable heaters on-site

Answer: _____

6. What are the extreme temperature ranges mentioned by Sly Oliver in Antarctica?

- a. Highs of 50°F and lows of -10°F
- b. Highs in the mid-30s and lows as cold as -70°F with wind chill
- c. Highs of 60°F and lows of -30°F
- d. Highs in the 40s and lows around -50°F

Answer: _____

7. What advice did Sly Oliver give to students about pursuing their goals?

- a. Take life slow and steady
- b. Only aim for achievable goals
- c. "Life is too short; shoot for the stars."
- d. Focus on comfort over ambition

Answer: _____

****Written Response Questions****

8. Describe the daily routine of Sly Oliver at McMurdo Station. Include work hours and leisure activities.

9. Why does Sly Oliver consider it important to explore and make the most of his time in Antarctica? How does this reflect on his outlook on life?

10. Discuss the significance of teamwork and preparation in Sly Oliver's work as a heavy equipment operator in Antarctica. How do these qualities contribute to safety and success in such extreme conditions?
