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*Directions: Read the passage. Then use the information from the passage to answer questions 1–5.*

## **A Different Kind of Ride**

Do you like to ride your bike? Most people ride bikes in warm weather, but not many ride when it is cold outside. Almost no one rides a bicycle during the snowy winter.

One unusual man does ride on snow, and on ice, too. His name is Doug Stoup. Doug rode his bike in Antarctica! No place on Earth has more ice, snow, wind, and extreme cold.

Of course, Doug has warm clothes, and he has a special bicycle called an ice bike. Like other bikes, Doug's ice bike has two wheels, but the tires are different. They are very fat. Thin tires slip on ice. Fat tires may look funny, but they do not slip as much.

Most bikes have some plastic parts. In very cold weather, plastic can freeze and break. The ice bike has no plastic at all. Antarctica is not a good place for plastic!

In 2003, Doug tested his bike in Antarctica for a week. He rode on ice and snow, and the ice bike worked fine. It did not slip on ice or get stuck in snow. Someday, Doug hopes to ride alone across Antarctica. He wants to go all the way to the South Pole by bike.

Do you think an ice bike sounds like fun? Wait—don't give your old bike away yet! Ice bikes only work well on ice and snow, and they cost about \$3,500. But they are no good at all on a warm summer day!

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**1. How are ice bikes different from most other bikes?**

- Ⓐ They only work well on ice and snow.
- Ⓑ They have more wheels.
- Ⓒ They are made of plastic.
- Ⓓ They are fun to slide on.

**2. How are fat tires different from thin tires?**

- Ⓐ They are better for children's bikes.
- Ⓑ They break more easily.
- Ⓒ They work better in ice and snow.
- Ⓓ They slip and slide a lot more.

**3. Riding an ice bike is most similar to \_\_\_\_\_.**

- Ⓐ swimming
- Ⓑ playing tennis
- Ⓒ driving a race car
- Ⓓ snowshoeing

**4. How is Doug Stoup different from most other people who ride bikes?**

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**5. How is Doug Stoup's bike different from most other bikes?**

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