Read the text below. For questions 22—26 choose the correct answer (A, B, C or D). Write your answers on the separate answer sheet.

THE HOT CAR

Story by Daris Howard

Our friend's first car experience was most memorable. Buster burst into the old country church during our youth activity meeting. "Hey, guys, you've got to have a look at my hot new car!" We went outside reluctantly, knowing our friend could get excited over little things. Parked right in front of the church was the world's shabbiest Ford.

"Wow!" Devan said. "I didn't know cars came in rust colour". But nothing could dampen Buster's excitement. "Isn't it the hottest car you've ever seen? Wouldn't you guys like a ride?" "I'm not sure", Lenny replied. "We might end up pushing it back home".

We reluctantly climbed in for a cruise around town. After about 10 laps, Rod asked if we smelled something. We decided to head back to the church, and had no sooner arrived than smoke began billowing out from under the hood.

By the time we dashed from the car, fire was flickering out of the grille. Devan and Rod went to get our adult leaders, and Buster disappeared. He suddenly reappeared moments later, ran as close to the car as possible, and spit a mouthful of water from the drinking fountain onto the hood. Never mind that the car was entirely engulfed in flames.

Curly grinned. "I think you almost got it, Buster. One more mouthful and you should have it".

Our leaders rushed inside the church to get the fire extinguisher. One of them, in an effort to "break glass in case of an emergency", hit the glass panel with his fist. But the glass didn't break, and he began jumping around and hollering, holding his hand. Another leader grabbed a chair and slammed it into the glass, but the chair bounced back and smacked him hard across the face, knocking him to the floor. Later we learned that the church maintenance man had installed unbreakable plexiglass after the last time someone broke it as a prank.

A loud siren announced the gallant approach of our volunteer fire department. Arriving just as the last of the car melted into the black mass, they blasted its remains with enough pressure to wash everything but the frame down the city's drains.

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As we watched a tow truck take away the remains, Buster sighed deeply. Curly put a kind hand on his shoulder. "Don't feel bad, Buster. That was probably the most exciting youth activity meeting we've ever had".

He smiled and continued. "Besides, you were right. That was definitely one hot car!"

22 How did Buster's friends feel about his first car?

A They were fascinated by its elegant look.

B They weren't sure it was fast enough.

C They weren't certain it was reliable.

D They were impressed by everything but its color.

23 When the car caught fire, Buster _____.

A ran to fetch a bucket of water from the fountain

B jumped into the fountain to escape fire

C stayed as close to the car as he could

D tried to stop the fire with a tiny amount of water

24 The adult leaders _____.

A attempted to break the car windows with a chair

B made every effort to get a device for stopping fire

C bounced around the car shouting for help

D fought with the church maintenance man

25 The fire department volunteers _____.

A came too late to be of real help

B took away the frame of the car

C rescued the burning car from fire

D washed the carframe down the city drain

26 What is NOT TRUE about Buster?

A He was easily impressed.

B He was very fond of his first car.

C His dream was to go on a car cruise.

D His actions to stop the fire were strange.

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