

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.

LOST IN THE RAINFOREST

David Tamowski, 58, was alone in the New Zealand rainforest for 9 days in April 2015.

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When I decided to go on a hike in the New Zealand rainforest solo, I wasn't worried, because I had nearly a decade of experience backpacking across the U.S. I stopped by the Department of Conservation office to rent an emergency beacon. Some locals suggested a four-day trek in the Humboldt Mountains. It wasn't until later, on a bus, that I realized I'd forgotten the beacon.

I spent the first two days following the track in the mountains. On day three, fog set in. When it lifted, I felt amazed—I hadn't expected the slope to be so steep. As I crawled down, I noticed my compass hanging off my belt. Balancing on the slope, I tried to move it into my pack, but it slipped and disappeared in the underbrush. I reached for the map in my side pocket—gone, lost somewhere in the rocks.

The next morning, I continued my descent. Soon I got to a riverbank, near a small island. I went downstream, still sure I'd come across the footpath any minute. But as I turned and found the river pouring over a series of cliffs, I decided to follow a deer path. Six hours later, I'd only gone about 2 miles through the dense trees. Exhausted, I returned to the riverbank to camp. For four days, I was exploring the area trying to find a way out. I realized I was surrounded by cliffs and waterfalls on all sides. My best chance for rescue was getting out in the open, so I returned to the river island.

Day eight. That night I looked over my rations and saw that I had enough snacks for a hungry few days. I made another attempt to get out of the valley. First I hit snow, then a wall of rocks. Rescue was my only hope, but as I failed to build a signal fire with wet wood, even that hope faded. I started recording messages on my phone. I told my wife and kids how much I loved them. I knew even when my food ran out, I'd have shelter and water and could survive for a few weeks. But what then?

Day nine. I heard a helicopter in the distance and rushed to gather wood. I didn't expect it to light, so when it did, I ran around like mad, cutting off dead branches with my pocketknife. However, the helicopter passed far overhead and vanished. Then, a different helicopter appeared, just above the trees, following the river. I waved with relief. When the chopper landed, I saw a man in a long coat, with a knife on his belt. I explained my situation, and he looked annoyed at the inconvenience. I learned he was a deer hunter and surprised to see me. He said I was on the north side of the mountain—after getting in the fog, I'd descended the wrong slope.

- 22 Which of the following is TRUE about the storyteller, according to Paragraph 1?
- A He got registered with the Department of Conservation.
 - B He was confident of his traveller skills.
 - C He felt nervous about the New Zealand hike.
 - D He lost the emergency equipment in the mountains.
- 23 What happened to David Tamowski during the first three days of his hike?
- A His compass got broken.
 - B He got injured in the rocks.
 - C He lost balance on the slope.
 - D His map disappeared.
- 24 What happened to David Tamowski during the next four days?
- A He spotted a deer on the island.
 - B He lost the path in the dense trees.
 - C He nearly fell into the waterfall.
 - D He got trapped in the landscape.
- 25 What does the author say about Day Eight?
- A David tried to phone his family.
 - B David gave a signal to rescuers.
 - C David fell off the wall of rocks.
 - D David felt hopeless to get out.
- 26 Which of the following is NOT TRUE?
- A David managed to make a bonfire.
 - B David was found by mere chance.
 - C The hunter was glad to help David.
 - D The weather caused David's trouble.