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.

A BOATING ADVENTURE

Story by Georgia Yost

Mary and I practically grew up together. She was quiet, I walked on the wild side, and our opposite personalities brought balance to any interesting situation we often found ourselves in. Once we went to Missouri's Lake of the Ozarks. There we saw a dock lined with paddleboats, Mary suggested getting one, but I saw no thrill in paddling around the lake. Nearby, however, there was another dock with motorboats. "Since when did you learn to drive a motorboat?" Mary demanded. I hadn't, but it couldn't be much different than driving a car. Besides, the deposit was only $5.

The attendant seemed too young for the job, which is likely why he showed little concern about renting us a boat—until I asked how to back up. I didn't want him to pick up on the fact this was my first nautical voyage, so I quickly added, "This boat is different from mine". In silence, Mary requested a life jacket. The guy finally said, "Pull back on the throttle". It worked, and we eased back from the dock. It only made sense that to go forward, I would do the opposite.

As we started moving ahead, Mary relaxed a little. "Don't worry", I told her. "Just warn me of any danger you see". In response, Mary said, "I'm warning you now". But Mary had to admit we had a great time flying around the lake among small fishing boats. I never looked back, but from the sounds Mary was making, it was clear that chaos followed in our wake.

As our hour drew to a close, I spotted the attendant waving us toward the dock. I accelerated, then started to step on the brake pedal—and found nothing. Meanwhile the dock was fast approaching. In utter panic, I screamed, "Where's the brake?" Mary's contribution was simply to recite prayers. "Stick it in neutral", the equally panicky attendant yelled. I did as he said, but we still went up and onto the dock like a mechanical whale.

We hung there for a moment before rocking back into the water. The only thing that would have made it more like a scene from a movie was if our boat had exploded into fiery flames. We did, however, send a tidal wave crashing over the terrified attendant. When the boat settled down, Mary practically leaped to the dock, then literally got

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down on her knees and kissed the ground. Personally, I thought we were attracting enough attention without her dramatic gesture. Even worse, I could tell by the look on the attendant's face, as he stood there dripping wet, that there was no way we were getting our deposit back.

22 What did the girls decide to do when they came to the lake?

A to have a nice quiet day

B to learn to drive a motorboat

C to rent a boat with the engine

D to save a couple of dollars

23 What is TRUE about the dock attendant?

A He answered the girls' questions about steering a boat.

B He told the girls about safety rules on the water.

C He hesitated whether to give the girls life jackets.

D He got suspicious about the girls' ability to navigate.

24 While motorboating the girls _____.

A damaged several fishing boats

B brought about a lot of disorder

C heard the attendant's warning

D caused high waves on the lake

25 What happened when the girls' boat reached the dock?

A The boat burst and caught fire.

B The attendant fell from the dock.

C Mary jumped out and got injured.

D The boat hit the dock at top speed

26 Which of the following is NOT mentioned in the text?

A The girls were different by nature.

B In danger Mary turned for help to God.

C The girls didn't hope to return the money.

D The motorboat's brake pedal was out of order.

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