

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?

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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.
- C** He lost balance on the slope.
- B** He got injured in the rocks.
- D** His map disappeared.

24 What happened to David Tamowski during the next four days?

- A** He spotted a deer on the island.
- C** He nearly fell into the waterfall.
- B** He lost the path in the dense trees.
- D** He got trapped in the landscape.

25 What does the author say about Day Eight?

- A** David tried to phone his family.
- C** David fell off the wall of rocks.
- B** David gave a signal to rescuers.
- D** David felt hopeless to get out.

26 Which of the following is NOT TRUE?

- A** David managed to make a bonfire.
- C** The hunter was glad to help David.
- B** David was found by mere chance.
- D** The weather caused David's trouble.