

Three men were in a small airplane over the broad Pacific. Their fuel was gone. The airplane glided down into the water. As it sank, the men escaped onto a rubber raft eight feet long and four feet wide. This is what they had with them on the raft: their clothes, life jackets, some food and water, a pocketknife, a pair of pliers, a map, and a rope.

With the help of the map they steered toward friendly islands 500 miles away. The rope was used as a drag to keep their raft from moving with the wind when it blew in the wrong direction. The men made sails out of their clothes and paddles out of the soles of their shoes. Thus they sailed and rowed for thirty-three days; then a heavy gale capsized them. When the raft was righted, the men found they had lost everything except the sole of one shoe. They began to paddle again and were soon rescued.

1. This is a story of how many men?    (A) one    (B) three    (C) five  
    (D) seven
2. The airplane glided into the sea because of    (A) a great storm    (B) a  
    gun    (C) lack of fuel    (D) early darkness
3. How many miles away were the islands?    (A) 500    (B) 600    (C) 700  
    (D) 800
4. What saved those in the plane from drowning?    (A) a boat    (B) another  
    plane    (C) a whale    (D) a raft
5. The drag on the raft was a    (A) rope    (B) scale    (C) pair of pliers  
    (D) pocketknife
6. Drift in the wrong direction was caused by    (A) one of the men    (B) a  
    bird    (C) the wind    (D) a fish
7. Paddles were made from    (A) driftwood    (B) life jackets    (C) shoe  
    soles    (D) boxes
8. The raft was capsized by    (A) a heavy gale    (B) an alligator    (C) a  
    rock    (D) a boat

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