

## Desert Survival Exercise

### The Situation:

It is approximately 10 a.m. in mid-May and you have just crash-landed in a desert. The light twin-engine plane containing bodies of the pilot and co-pilot, has completely burnt. Only the airframe remains. None of you have been injured.

The pilot was unable to notify anyone of your position before the crash. However, he has indicated before the impact that you were 115 km. south-south-west from a mining camp which is the nearest known inhabitation, and that you are approximately 100 km. off the course that was filled in your flight plan.

The immediate area is quite flat and except for occasional barrel and cactus, appears to be quite barren. The last weather report indicated the temperature would reach 42 degree Centigrade that day, which means that the temperature at ground level will be 55 degree centigrade. You are dressed in lightweight clothing, short-sleeved shirts, pants, socks and street shoes. Everyone has a handkerchief. Collectively your pocket contains Rs.10 in change, Rs. 1500 in notes, a full matchbox and a ballpoint pen.

### Your Task:

Before the plane caught fire, your team was able to salvage the fifteen items listed on the next page. Your task is to rank these items according to their importance to your survival, starting with "1" for the most important, to "15" for the least important. It is assumed that the numbers of survivors are equal to the number of members in your team. You are the actual people in the situation. The team members have agreed to stick together.

### INSTRUCTIONS:

#### Step 1:

Each team member has to individually rank each item. You have 10 minutes to complete this task.

#### Step 2:

After every individual has completed individual rankings, you may discuss the situation with your team members and complete the team rankings. You have 30 minutes to complete this task.

### WARNING:

Do not change your individual rankings after the group discussion.

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#### Ranking Sheet:

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Team Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Item	Your Rank	Expert Rank	Error Score (I)	Team Rank	Expert Rank	Error Score (T)	COMMENTS
Torch							
Knife							
Air Map of Area							
Large size plastic Raincoat							
Magnetic Compass							
First Aid Kit							
Loaded Pistol							
Parachute							
Bottle of salt tablets							
1 litre of water per person							
A book titled edible animals of the desert							
A pair of sunglasses per person							
Two litres of alcohol							
One overcoat per person							
Mirror							
Total Error Scores							