

The man on the trail

It was a cold grey day when the man walked into the main Yukon trail. He climbed the snow-covered river bank where a trail went through the pine forest. It was a high bank, and the man paused to breathe at the top and 30 _____ at the sky. It was nine o'clock in the morning. There was no sun or even the promise of sunshine, 31 _____ there was not a cloud in the sky. It was a clear day, but the sun was absent from the sky. This fact did not worry the man because he could hardly 32 _____ a day when he had seen the sun.

The man had come a long way alone, and he was really proud 33 _____ himself. The old man from the village warned him how cold it sometimes got in this country. He said that no man should travel alone in this season. Despite all the problems on the way, the man 34 _____ to save himself.

The Yukon River was hidden under three feet of ice with as many feet of snow on top. It was all pure white. North and south, as far as the eye could see, it was white. There was only a thin dark line that curved to the south. This dark line was the trail — the main trail. It led south 500 miles to the Chilcoot Pass. It led north 75 miles to Dawson and still farther on to the north a thousand miles more. However, all this — the distant trail, no sun in the sky, and the great cold — had no 35 _____ on the man. It was not because he was long 36 _____ with it. On the contrary, he was a newcomer in the land, and this was his first winter.

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1. Therefore.
2. Otherwise.
3. Although.
4. However.