Answers to lateral thinking quiz.

1.           The man jumped out of an aeroplane with a parachute on, but it failed to open.

2.           Anthony and Cleopatra are pet gold fish, whose bowl fell off the table.

3.           The man committed suicide by standing on a large block of ice, which then melted after he had hung himself.

4.           The objects had been used on a snowman.

5.           The two boys were playing against different opponents.

6.           The man was in a hot air balloon with several other people. When they realized they were sinking uncontrollably, they decided that someone had to be thrown out to save the rest of them. The man drew the short straw (or match).

7.           The people on the yacht decided to go for a swim, but jumped in without lowering the ladder.

8.           The man had been kept awake by the guest in the next room snoring, who was a friend of his. He called his friend, woke him up, and was then able to go to sleep.

9.           The drinks are poisoned, but the poison is in the ice cubes. The first man drinks quickly, not allowing the ice cubes to melt and release their poison; the second man drinks more slowly, and the poison kills him.

10. The man is a dwarf and can only reach the button for the 7th floor. On rainy days he uses his umbrella!

11. Your left hand, forearm or elbow.

12. The match!