

EOT Practice

A) Read the passage and choose the best answer a, b, c, or d.

Blind Men and the Elephant!

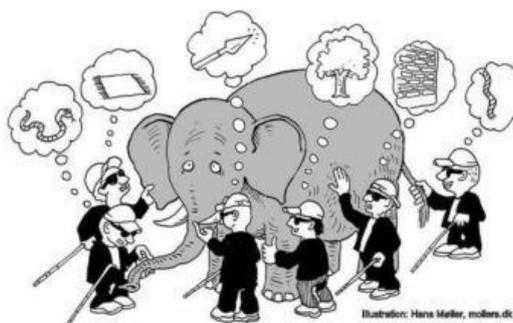
One morning, six blind men heard exciting news in their village: "An elephant is here!" People were shouting and running to see the giant animal.

The blind men were curious:

- "What is an elephant like?" one of them asked.
- "Let's go find out!" another said

They walked together until they reached the elephant, standing calmly under a tree.

- "Can we touch it?" asked one man.
- "Of course! That's the best way to understand it." a villager replied



The first man touched the trunk, which moved gently. "Wow!" he said. "An elephant is like a huge snake."

The second man touched the ear, which was large and soft. He smiled and said, "No, no. It's like a fan. It feels flat and wide!"

The third man placed his hand on the leg and laughed. "You're both wrong," he said. "It's like a tree trunk—thick and strong!"

The fourth man touched the side of the elephant. "It's not a tree," he said seriously. "The elephant is like a wall—big and solid."

The fifth man grabbed the tail, which swished in his hand. "A wall? No way! The elephant is like a rope," he said confidently.

The sixth man felt the tusk, which was smooth and sharp. "You're all mistaken. The elephant is like a spear!"

They began to argue loudly, each one sure he was right.

A wise man passing by said, "Stop arguing! Each of you touched a part of the elephant. Put your ideas together, and you will see the full truth."

The blind men nodded, smiled, and stopped arguing. Together, they understood what an elephant really was.

Questions:

1. **At the beginning of the story, the blind men were excited because**
 - a) an elephant was nearby.
 - b) a circus came to the village
 - c) they met a wise man.
 - d) a tiger was in the village.

2. The main problem in the story is that
- a) the wise man did not explain well. b) the blind men could not agree.
c) the elephant ran away. d) the villagers killed the elephant.
3. The blind men gave different answers about the elephant because
- a) each touched one part of the animal. b) they could not ride the elephant.
c) they saw one part of the elephant. d) the elephant was too small.
4. The wise man said that all the blind men were correct because
- a) he wanted them to fight. b) each described a true part of the animal.
c) they couldn't see the elephant. d) he wanted to confuse them.
5. The wise man wanted the blind men to understand that
- a) they were all wrong. b) they didn't touch the elephant.
c) each man gave one part of the truth. d) the elephant was too big to see.
6. When the wise man explained the truth, the blind men felt
- a) angry as they were wrong. b) lost as the wise man lied to them
c) stupid as they didn't see the elephant. d) happy as they learned something new.
7. It was important to bring all the ideas together to
- a) show the mistake of the wise man. b) see who had the bad idea.
c) understand the elephant better. d) believe the villagers.
8. If the wise man had not spoken to the blind men, they would have
- a) stopped touching the elephant b) agreed on one idea
c) left the village. d) kept fighting about the elephant
9. The story teaches us that
- a) we should never argue with others. b) it is important to listen to all ideas.
c) animals are difficult to understand. d) blind men can't learn anything.
10. The story shows that to solve problems,
- a) it is best to work with a group. b) you need to think alone.
c) you never make any mistake. d) you better fight with your friends.