EOT 2 - Part 7

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

Shoes

When the first men and women had to travel over cold ground, hot deserts, and hard stones, they covered their feet with animal skins and leaves. They cut the skins and leaves and then sewed them together. Then they tied grass and skins around their feet to keep the shoes in place.

Later, people who lived in hot countries made sandals to keep their feet clean and cool. There were many different kinds of sandals. Poor people wore very cheap ones, but rich people sometimes put jewels in theirs. In cold countries people wore shoes made out of sheepskin. Today, many people still wear sheepskin shoes because they are so warm.

Before there were machines, shoes like the ones we wear today took a long time to make. In 1846, Elias Howe made a strong sewing machine, and then, in 1858, Lyman Blake changed this machine so it could sew shoes. In 1875, Goodyear Welt made a new machine for making shoes quickly. It was called the Goodyear Welt sewing machine. With this machine Goodyear made cheap shoes. Nowadays we remember Goodyear because he has made other things also with rubber.

Today, people wear shoes made from animal skins, cloth, rubber, and plastic. Shoes have come a long way from the first skin and leaf shoes - and with new machines, they will change a lot more.

Questions:

1- The first shoes were made from .....

a. glass b. rubber c. animal skins

2- Sandals were first used in ..... countries.

a. cold b. hot c. rainy

3- Shoes made of sheep skin are very .....

a. good b. cheap c. warm

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4- Shoes took a long time to make until .....

a. 1846 b. 1858 c. 1875

5- ..... changed the way shoes were made.

a. Lyman Blake b. Machines c. Animals

6- Goodyear used ..... to make shoes.

a. plastic b. rubber c. cloth



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