

EOT 1 Practice

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

Blind Men and the Elephant!

One day in a busy village, six blind men heard people shouting, "Run! Run! the elephant is coming!" The ground shook as the huge animal walked by.

- "What is an elephant?" a blind man asked.

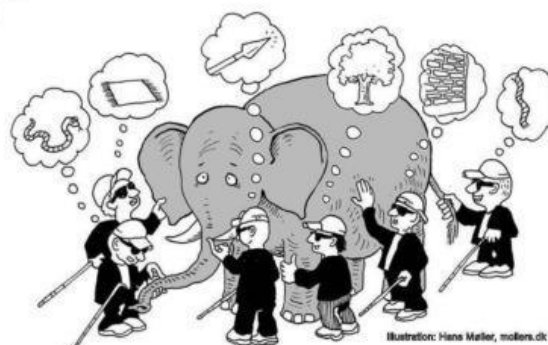
- "I don't know," said another. "Let's find out!"

They were curious because they had never heard of such animal before. The elephant stopped to rest under a tree. The blind men went to touch it to understand what it was like.

The first man touched the elephant's long, moving trunk. "Oh!" he said. "An elephant is like a big, strong snake!"

The second man touched the wide, flat ear. "No!" he said. "An elephant is like a big fan. It's soft and thin!"

The third man touched the thick, round leg. He laughed and said, "What? This is nothing like a fan or a snake. The elephant is like a tree trunk!"



The fourth man placed his hands on the elephant's side. "You're all wrong!" he said. "The elephant is like a solid wall."

The fifth man held the tail, which moved like a rope. "Ha! You're mistaken. The elephant is small and skinny like a rope."

The sixth man touched the tusk. "An elephant is hard and sharp. It's like a spear!"

They all started arguing. A wise man passing by said, "You are all correct! You each touched one part of the elephant. If you work together, you can understand correctly. Only when you listen to different ideas, you can know the whole truth."

Questions:

1. The blind men used their to examine the animal.

A) hands

B) knives

C) glasses

D) noses

2. The blind men wanted to

A) help an elephant

B) know what the elephant was like

C) make a trunk move

D) wash an elephant

3. The first blind man touched the of the elephant.
 A) trunk B) ear
 C) tail D) tusk
4. The second man said that the elephant was like a
 A) tree B) fan.
 C) rope D) snake
5. The third man said the elephant was like a tree because the
 A) tail was soft and thin B) tusk was sharp and pointed.
 C) leg was long and hard. D) ear was wide and flat.
- 6- The fourth blind man touched the of the elephant.
 A) tusk B) ear
 C) leg D) side
7. The fifth man said the elephant was like a rope because he held the
 A) thick round leg B) long moving trunk.
 C) small skinny tail D) wide flat ear
8. For the sixths man, the elephant was like a spear when he touched the
 A) big ear B) big trunk.
 C) long nose D) sharp tusk
9. The blind men gave different answers because each man
 A) touched one part of the animal B) was busy.
 C) was angry D) didn't hear the sound before.
10. helped the blind men understand the truth.
 A) Another elephant B) Some villagers
 C) A wise man D) A young man.

